



Memorandum

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Subject: 2012 Background Sediment Split Sample Data Comparison for the Lower Passaic River Study Area

At the request of the United State Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), CDM Federal Programs Corporation (CDM Smith) collected oversight split background sediment samples as part of the Lower Passaic River (LPR) Restoration Project remedial investigation conducted by the Cooperating Parties Group (CPG). This memorandum presents the comparison of the EPA oversight team's split sample results to the CPG's sample results and discusses the differences in the datasets. In this document, samples will be referred to as either CPG samples or EPA samples for clarity.

The evaluation was conducted in two ways: (1) on an individual chemical basis and (2) on a chemical group basis. Normally, only the first of these (individual chemical basis) would be conducted, consistent with previous comparisons. However, due to the small number of data pairs available for the individual chemicals, which resulted in insufficient statistical power to discern differences, it was determined that the second method (chemical group basis) should also be conducted. The split sample data comparison for the 2012 Lower Passaic background sediment sampling oversight is based primarily on the second method except for total organic carbon (TOC) and mercury.

- Dioxins/Furans: For dioxins and furans as a group, there were statistically significant differences between the results of the EPA and CPG background sediment samples. Overall, the CPG results were higher than the EPA results.
- Pesticides: The analytical results for pesticides as a group were comparable for EPA and CPG split samples. Where differences existed, CPG sample results tended to be lower than EPA samples results.
- Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs): The analytical results for PCBs as a group were comparable for EPA and CPG split samples. Where differences existed, CPG sample results tended to be higher than EPA samples results.

- Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs): The analytical results for PAHs as a group were comparable for EPA and CPG split samples. Where differences existed, CPG sample results tended to be higher than EPA samples results.
- TOC: Though rigorous statistical testing was not possible due to the small sample size, the CPG results tended to be higher than the EPA results.
- Metals (excluding mercury): The analytical results for metals as a group were comparable for EPA and CPG split samples. Where differences existed, CPG sample results tended to be higher than EPA sample results.
- Mercury: The mercury results were comparable for CPG and EPA results.

Oversight Program Summary

Oversight was conducted in accordance with the Final Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP), Addendum No. 12, Collection of Background Surface Sediment Samples. The split sample program consisted of four background sediment split samples collected from the study area, therefore results from four split sample pairs were compared for each of the analytical methods evaluated.

Data Comparison Methodology

The CPG and EPA split sample data were evaluated for potential difference by plotting selected analytes (Table 1) for the following parameters. For each of the following three plots, data are plotted and evaluated only for the cases where both sample pairs are detected:

- Line Plot of Absolute Concentrations: The absolute concentrations measured by both analytical programs for the detected paired samples were plotted against the same axes. These graphs depict the relative magnitudes and patterns of concentrations.
- Bivariate Scatter Plot: CPG sample concentration was plotted as a function of EPA sample concentration for each detected pair. The bivariate plot illustrates the relationship between EPA and CPG data. Also included on each graph is a line which depicts a 1:1 ratio of EPA to CPG concentration. The bivariate plot can be used to identify potential systematic bias when data points fall consistently above or below the 1:1 line.
- Percent Difference Plot: The percent difference (%D) was defined as the difference between EPA and CPG concentration for detected data pairs, divided by the EPA sample concentration according to Equation 1.

$$\% D = \frac{(R_{USEPA} - R_{CPG})}{(R_{USEPA})} (100) \quad (\text{Equation 1})$$

Consequently, a negative %D indicates a CPG result that is higher than the EPA result, while a positive %D indicates a CPG result that is lower than the EPA result. This plot provides a visual

indication of the extent of positive and negative differences between the two datasets. The red dashed lines on the plot correspond to 40%D and -67%D. These criteria correspond to 50% relative percent difference (RPD) (the CPG's field duplicate acceptance criterion), converted to %D values. %D is commonly used when one of the two values is known or accepted, whereas RPD is more commonly used when both values are uncertain. The sample data in these graphs was represented with the EPA result as the known value and the CPG result as the unknown value.

In addition to the preparation of data comparison plots, the tests described below were also conducted for CPG and EPA data pairs where both results were detected.

- Average Ratio: The ratios of the CPG results to EPA results were calculated for each sample pair. The average ratio and standard deviation were calculated. An average ratio above one indicates that the CPG results were detected higher than the EPA results, while an average ratio below one indicates that the CPG results were detected lower than the EPA results.
- Percent Difference: The calculated %D values were evaluated against the acceptance criteria of greater than or equal to -67% or less than or equal to 40% (equivalent to less than or equal to 50% RPD). Since RPD is evaluated for results at least five times the sample reporting limit, only sample data pairs where both results were at least five times the sample reporting limit were included in the %D evaluation.
- Wilcoxon Signed Rank Test: The Wilcoxon Signed Rank test was used to calculate *p*-values for all detected sample pairs. The *p*-value is an indicator of the presence of a difference between the datasets. A *p*-value of less than 0.05 indicates a statistically significant difference between the two data sets. In addition to the regular Wilcoxon test for the detected data pairs, the Paired Prentice-Wilcoxon (PPW) test, a modified version of the Wilcoxon test, was utilized to allow inclusion of non-detected values. Further details on the PPW test are provided later in this memorandum.

The test criteria listed above were applied to two types of data groupings: (1) to the individual chemicals and (2) to the chemical groups as a whole. The data comparison plots associated with these two types of groupings are provided in Figures 1 through 48 for the individual chemicals, and in Figures 49 through 53 for the chemical groups. Results for the three statistical tests are presented in Table 1 for the individual chemicals and in Table 2 for the chemical groups. Other relevant information about the datasets is also provided in Tables 1 and 2. The numbers of split sample pairs are listed for each compound/group along with the number of pairs which had detected results for both samples. The average ratio of CPG sample results to EPA sample results are reported along with the standard deviation of the ratios. The %D results are summarized by reporting the percentage of data pairs that exceeded the acceptance criteria. Also included are the *p*-values calculated by the Wilcoxon Signed Rank test and PPW test.

An overall evaluation of the split sample data is based on the result of the three statistical tests, where each compound has a rating of “Same” or “Different”. The datasets are considered comparable or “Same” if the criteria for at least two of the three statistical tests were met. When only the average ratio and Wilcoxon Signed Rank test (and/or PPW test) results were available, the overall ranking for each compound was considered comparable or “Same” if criteria for both tests were met. The criteria for each test are:

- Average Ratio: Average ratio of CPG to EPA within 0.70 to 1.30.
- Percent Difference: %D within 40 to -67% for the majority of the sample pairs, where no more than 16% of the data pairs exceed the acceptance criteria.
- Wilcoxon Signed Rank Test (and/or PPW test): *p*-values greater than or equal to 0.05 are within acceptance limits, indicating there is no significant difference between the data sets.

In summary, the split sample comparison of the 2012 LPR background sediment consisted of four sample pairs. The split comparison was therefore limited to four sample pairs analyzed for dioxins and furans, organochlorine pesticides, PCBs, PAHs, TOC, metals, and mercury.

As discussed previously, the results presented in Table 1 (individual chemical basis) are limited due to the small sample size of the data pairs for the individual organic compounds and metals available for the evaluation. Specifically, with only a maximum of four data pairs, the statistical power of the Wilcoxon Signed Rank test (and/or PPW test) is insufficient to discern a real difference for the paired data. While the nature of the actual reduction in statistical power resulting from testing with four or less four data pairs was not investigated, such reduction is inherent in any statistical-based comparison test and a good general rule-of-thumb is a minimum of 8 to 10 samples or data pairs for robust statistical testing.

Due to the limitation for individual chemical data sets, a second evaluation (Table 2) was conducted whereby the data were tested as chemical groups: dioxins/furans, pesticides, PCBs, PAHs, and metals (excluding mercury). This testing was conducted to increase the number of sample pairs and thus increase statistical power. To account for differences in concentration ranges between the various compounds/metals within a group, each data pair was first scaled between 0 and 1 according to Equation 2,

$$y_i = \frac{R_i}{\text{maximum}(R_{USEPA}, R_{CPG})} \quad (\text{Equation 2})$$

where

y_i	=	scaled data value for each individual data
R_i	=	data value in the original concentration units
$\text{maximum}(R_{USEPA}, R_{CPG})$	=	the maximum concentration in the split sample pair

The paired Wilcoxon test was then conducted on the scaled data pairs. It is noted that conducting the tests on chemical groups rather than on individual compounds/metals results in the loss of the ability to evaluate differences for the individual compounds/metals. In such a case where the test discerns a statistical difference for a chemical group, it is not possible to determine which individual compounds/metals within the group may be responsible for the difference.

The standard paired Wilcoxon test was conducted only on data pairs where both results were detected values. This protocol is consistent with previous split sample comparisons conducted at the LPR study area. However, it has been noted that the elimination of data pairs containing nondetected values is essentially equivalent to ignoring potentially substantial information contained within these nondetect-containing data pairs, and may lead to biased results, and that therefore an attempt should be made to include them in the analyses. Therefore, in addition to the standard paired Wilcoxon test conducted on the detected data pairs only, a modified version of the test called the PPW test was conducted that allows inclusion of the left-censored (non-detected) data pairs. The PPW test relies on survival analysis computations as detailed in O'Brien and Fleming (1987) and is considered the standard test for the case of censored matched pairs (Helsel 2005).

Below are some notable observations from Tables 1 and 2 and Figures 1 through 53. As mentioned earlier, the statistical power of the Wilcoxon Signed Rank test and/or the PPW test is insufficient to discern a real difference for the paired data for individual compounds due to the small sample size (<5). Thus, only results for the average ratio and %D are discussed below for individual compounds.

Dioxins/Furans

There was a high degree of variance between the CPG and EPA results for dioxin congener analysis. Of the six dioxin/furan congeners and total tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD) evaluated, only 2,3,7,8-TCDD and 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzofuran (2,3,7,8-TCDF) met the criteria for average ratios and %D, indicating that the split samples were comparable for these two congeners. For all other dioxin/furan congeners and total TCDD, the average ratio and %D exceeded acceptance criteria (Table 1). Differences are observed between the two data sets for 1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD, 1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF, OCDD, OCDF, and total TCDD based on the average ratio and %D. The CPG results were distinctly higher than the EPA results.

The differences between the dioxin data sets were further confirmed by the group testing. There was a statistically significant difference between the EPA and CPG samples. The average ratio and %D also exceeded acceptance criteria (Table 2). As shown in Figures 1 through 7 and Figure 49, overall the CPG results were high in comparison to the EPA results.

Pesticides

The comparison of analytical results between the EPA and the CPG showed comparable results for the majority of the pesticides. The average ratios criterion was met for all pesticides except 2,4'-dichlorodiphenyldichloroethane (DDD). The %D criterion was met for all pesticides except 2,4'-DDD and 4,4'-DDD. All pesticides data were comparable except 2,4'-DDD, where the CPG results were lower than the EPA results. From examination of individual sample pairs, the most marked discrepancy was observed for the 2,4'-DDD results for sample UPRT18C, where the CPG result was nearly 50 times lower than the EPA result.

The analytical results for pesticides as a group were comparable for EPA and CPG split samples. The PPW test did indicate that the data sets were different, but all other data evaluation indicated that the data sets were comparable.

Polychlorinated Biphenyls

The comparison of analytical results between the EPA and the CPG showed comparable results for the majority of the individual PCB congeners. Eight of the 11 PCB congeners evaluated and total PCB results were within the acceptable average ratios criterion. However, seven congeners and total PCB had %D exceeding the acceptance criterion. Differences were found between the data sets for 3,3',4,4'-tetrachlorobiphenyl (PCB 77), 3,4,4',5-tetrachlorobiphenyl (PCB 81), and 2,3,4,4',5-pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 114) based on the average ratio and %D. The CPG results were higher than the EPA results for these congeners.

For PCBs as a group, the analytical data between the EPA and CPG samples were comparable, although the %D exceeded the acceptance criterion.

Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons

The split sample data were comparable for all individual PAH compounds except fluoranthene. All of the PAHs had average ratios within criterion except fluoranthene. Five of nine PAHs had %D within the criterion. The CPG results for fluoranthene were higher than the EPA results.

All three criteria indicated that there was no statistically significant difference between the EPA and CPG samples for PAHs as a group.

Total Organic Carbon

Differences were found between the two data sets for the TOC results, based on the average ratio and %D. The CPG results were higher than the EPA results (Table 1 and Figure 37). However, due to small sample size, the Wilcoxon Signed Rank test and the PPW test are insufficient to discern a real difference for the paired data.

Metals (excluding mercury)

The comparison of analytical results between the EPA and the CPG showed comparable results for the majority of metals. The average ratios were within the criterion for all metals except cadmium and lead. Six of ten metals had %D exceeding the criterion. Overall, the metal data are comparable except cadmium and lead. The CPG results were higher than the EPA results for these two metals. A notable discrepancy was noted for cadmium in sample UPRT20A. The CPG cadmium result was nearly 30 times higher than EPA result.

For metals as a group, there was no statistically significant difference between the EPA samples and CPG samples, though the %D exceeded the criterion.

Mercury

The mercury results were comparable for CPG and EPA results, based on the average ratio and %D.

Recommendations

Due to the small sample size (<5), the statistical power of the Wilcoxon signed rank test is greatly limited to identify a difference between the CPG and EPA data sets. In order to obtain meaningful statistical results for individual chemicals, at least 8 to 10 (preferably 15 to 20) split samples are recommended to collect during each oversight task, even if the number of split samples exceeds 10% of the number of the total samples.

Ignoring nondetects in the statistical comparison testing is an unnecessary practice, and hence should be avoided in future split sample comparisons. In this particular case, the PPW test should be conducted in lieu of the standard Wilcoxon test on detected values only.

Attachments

Table 1: Lower Passaic River 2012 Background Sediment Sampling Comparison Summary by Individual Compounds

Table 2: Lower Passaic River 2012 Background Sediment Sampling Comparison Summary by Chemical Categories

Figures 1 through 53: Statistical Linear Plots

- a. Line Plots of Absolute/Scaled Concentrations
- b. Bivariate Scatter Plots
- c. Percent Differences Plots

Figures 1 through 7:	Plots of Dioxin/Furan Concentrations
Figures 8 through 15:	Plots of Pesticide Concentrations
Figures 16 through 27:	Plots of Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) Concentrations
Figures 28 through 36:	Plots of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon (PAH) Concentrations
Figure 37:	Plots of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) Concentrations
Figures 38 through 47:	Plots of Metal Concentrations
Figure 48:	Plots of Mercury Concentrations
Figure 49:	Plots of Dioxins/Furans Scaled Concentrations
Figure 50:	Plots of Pesticides Scaled Concentrations
Figure 51:	Plots of PCBs Scaled Concentrations
Figure 52:	Plots of PAHs Scaled Concentrations
Figure 53:	Plots of Metals (excluding mercury) Scaled Concentrations

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Table 1
Lower Passaic River 2012 Background Sediment Sampling Comparison Summary by Individual Compounds

Parameter	Number of Split Sample Pairs	Number of Split Sample Paris with Detected Concentrations	Average Ratio of CPG to EPA (for detected pairs)(1)	Percent Difference (for detected pairs) ⁽²⁾	p-value			Overall Split Sample Comparison (Same or Different) ⁽⁶⁾
					Wilcoxon Signed Rank test ⁽³⁾	Paired Prentice Wilcoxon test ⁽⁴⁾	Statistical Difference (Yes or No) ⁽⁵⁾	
Dioxins/Furans								
1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD	4	3	1.57±0.77	33% Outside Criteria	0.789	0.564	No	Different
1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF	4	3	1.85±0.70	67% Outside Criteria	0.181	0.083	No	Different
2,3,7,8-TCDD	4	3	0.91±0.29	Within Range	0.423	0.206	No	Same
2,3,7,8-TCDF	4	3	1.16±0.27	Within Range	1.000	0.564	No	Same
OCDD	4	3	1.90±0.70	67% Outside Criteria	0.181	0.132	No	Different
OCDF	4	3	2.38±1.17	67% Outside Criteria	0.181	0.083	No	Different
Total TCDD	4	4	1.90±0.83	25% Outside Criteria	0.100	0.058	No	Different
Pesticides								
4,4'-DDD	4	3	0.90±0.36	33% Outside Criteria	0.423	0.564	No	Same
4,4'-DDE	4	4	0.89±0.14	Within Range	0.201	0.527	No	Same
4,4'-DDT	4	3	1.05±0.38	Within Range	0.789	0.459	No	Same
Dieldrin	4	3	0.85±0.04	Within Range	0.181	0.046	No	Same
alpha-Chlordane	4	3	1.02±0.22	Within Range	0.789	1.000	No	Same
2,4'-DDD	4	3	0.59±0.61	67% Outside Criteria	0.423	0.299	No	Different
2,4'-DDE	4	2	0.84±0.05	Within Range	0.371	0.157	No	Same
2,4'-DDT	4	1	NA	Within Range	NA	0.194	No	Same
Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)								
3,3',4,4'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl (PCB 77)	4	3	1.48±0.60	33% Outside Criteria	0.181	0.083	No	Different
3,4,4',5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl (PCB 81)	4	2	1.69±1.30	50% Outside Criteria	1.000	0.527	No	Different
2,3,3',4,4'-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 105)	4	3	1.22±0.52	33% Outside Criteria	0.789	0.739	No	Same
2,3,4,4',5'-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 114)	4	3	1.33±0.59	33% Outside Criteria	0.789	0.467	No	Different
2,3',4,4',5'-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 118)	4	4	1.22±0.40	25% Outside Criteria	0.584	1.000	No	Same
2',3,4,4',5'-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 123)	4	2	1.14±0.24	Within Range	1.000	1.000	No	Same
3,3',4,4',5'-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 126)	4	2	1.09±0.48	Within Range	1.000	1.000	No	Same
2,3,3',4,4',5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl+2,3,3',4,4',5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl (PCB 156+157)	4	3	1.10±0.30	Within Range	1.000	0.564	No	Same
2,3',4,4',5,5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl (PCB 167)	4	3	0.95±0.11	Within Range	0.789	0.564	No	Same
3,3',4,4',5,5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl (PCB 169)	4	0	NA	NA	NA	0.317	No	NA
2,3,3',4,4',5,5'-Heptachlorobiphenyl (PCB 189)	4	2	0.71±0.21	50% Outside Criteria	0.371	0.196	No	Same
Total PCB	4	4	0.85±0.53	25% Outside Criteria	0.584	0.450	No	Same
Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)								
Anthracene	4	3	1.02±0.37	Within Range	0.789	0.564	No	Same
Benzo[a]anthracene	4	3	1.11±0.29	Within Range	1.000	0.564	No	Same
Benzo[a]pyrene	4	3	0.97±0.30	Within Range	0.789	0.564	No	Same
Chrysene	4	3	0.89±0.26	Within Range	0.789	0.564	No	Same
Fluoranthene	4	3	1.33±0.50	33% Outside Criteria	1.000	0.564	No	Different
Indeno[1,2,3-cd]pyrene	4	3	1.04±0.34	Within Range	0.789	0.564	No	Same
Naphthalene	4	3	0.88±0.45	33% Outside Criteria	0.423	0.879	No	Same
Phenanthrene	4	3	1.30±0.63	33% Outside Criteria	1.000	0.564	No	Same
Pyrene	4	3	1.25±0.41	33% Outside Criteria	1.000	0.564	No	Same
Total Organic Carbon (TOC)								
TOC	4	3	2.03±1.33	33% Outside Criteria	0.423	0.366	No	Different
Metals								
Arsenic	4	4	0.77±0.21	25% Outside Criteria	0.201	0.225	No	Same
Barium	4	4	1.12±0.72	50% Outside Criteria	0.855	0.564	No	Same
Cadmium	4	4	8.7±13.08	50% Outside Criteria	0.100	0.088	No	Different
Chromium	4	4	1.14±0.37	Within Range	0.584	1.000	No	Same
Cobalt	4	4	1.03±0.38	25% Outside Criteria	1.000	0.739	No	Same
Copper	4	4	1.01±0.46	25% Outside Criteria	0.855	1.000	No	Same
Iron	4	4	0.85±0.42	25% Outside Criteria	0.584	0.217	No	Same
Lead	4	4	1.37±0.25	25% Outside Criteria	0.100	0.058	No	Different
Nickel	4	4	1.01±0.33	Within Range	0.855	0.670	No	Same
Zinc	4	4	1.18±0.27	Within Range	0.201	0.317	No	Same
Mercury	4	3	0.90±0.21	Within Range	1.000	0.564	No	Same

Results outside acceptance criteria are bolded.

NA = not applicable

EPA = United States Environmental Protection Agency

CPG = Cooperating Parties Group

Notes:

- (1) Average ratio (criteria: 0.70-1.30) with standard deviation
- (2) Percent difference criteria: no more than 16% of split samples outside of 40 to -67 %D.
- (3) Wilcoxon Signed Rank test was employed at significance level (p) of 0.05
- (4) Paired Prentice Wilcoxon test was employed at significance level (p) of 0.05
- (5) Limited statistical power due to small sample size (less than five)
- (6) If there are at least two of the three criteria (average ratio, percent different and statistical difference) met, the overall split sample comparison would be labeled "same". Otherwise, it would be "different".

Abbreviations:

1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD = 1,2,3,4,6,7,8- heptachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin
1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF = 1,2,3,4,6,7,8- heptachlorodibenzofuran
2,3,7,8-TCDD = 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin
2,3,7,8-TCDF = 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzofuran
OCDD = octachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin
OCDF = octachlorodibenzofuran
Total TCDD = total tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin

Total PCB = total polychlorinated biphenyl
2,4'-DDD = 2,4'-dichlorodiphenyldichloroethane
2,4'-DDE = 2,4'-dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene
2,4'-DDT = 2,4'-dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane
4,4'-DDD = 4,4'-dichlorodiphenyldichloroethane
4,4'-DDE = 4,4'-dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene
4,4'-DDT = 4,4'-dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane

Table 2
Lower Passaic River 2012 Background Sediment Sampling Comparison Summary by Chemical Categories

Parameter	Number of Split Sample Pairs	Number of Split Sample Pairs with Detected Concentrations	Average Ratio of CPG to EPA (for detected pairs)(1)	Percent Difference (for detected pairs) ⁽²⁾	p-value			Overall Split Sample Comparison (Same or Different) ⁽⁵⁾
					Wilcoxon Signed Rank test ⁽³⁾	Paired Prentice Wilcoxon test ⁽⁴⁾	Statistical Difference (Yes or No)	
Dioxins/Furans	24	18	1.63±0.79	39% Outside Criteria	0.009	0.027	Yes	Different (CPG higher than EPA)
Pesticides	32	22	0.87±0.30	14% Outside Criteria	0.041	0.015	Yes	Same
Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)	48	31	1.20±0.49	19% Outside Criteria	0.207	0.652	No	Same
Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)	36	27	1.09±0.38	15% Outside Criteria	0.710	0.904	No	Same
Metals (excluding mercury)	40	40	1.82±4.32 ⁽⁶⁾	23% Outside Criteria	0.317	0.311	No	Same

Results outside acceptance criteria are bolded.

NA = not applicable

EPA = United States Environmental Protection Agency

CPG = Cooperating Parties Group

Notes:

(1) Average ratio (criteria: 0.70-1.30) with standard deviation

(2) Percent difference criteria: no more than 16% of split samples outside of 40 to -67 %D.

(3) Wilcoxon Signed Rank test was employed at significance level (p) of 0.05

(4) Paired Prentice Wilcoxon test was employed at significance level (p) of 0.05

(5) If there are at least two of the three criteria (average ratio, percent different and statistical difference) met, the overall split sample comparison would be labeled "same". Otherwise, it would be "different".

(6) Although average ratio (1.82) is not within criterion, the actual average ratio can be within criterion because of the high standard deviation (4.32).

Figure 1a: Line Plot of 1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD Concentrations

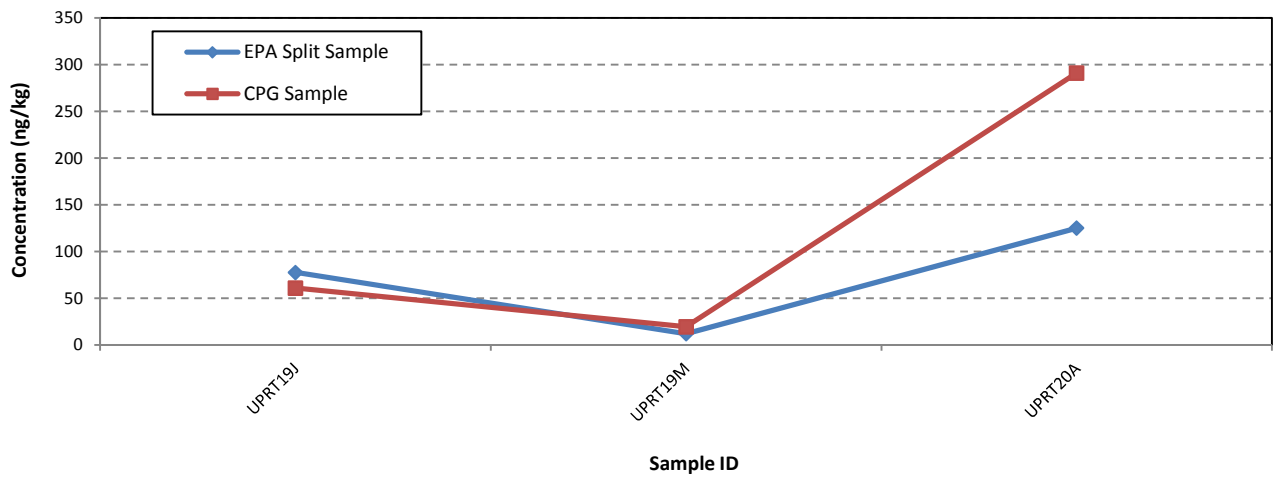


Figure 1b: Bivariate Plot of 1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD Concentrations

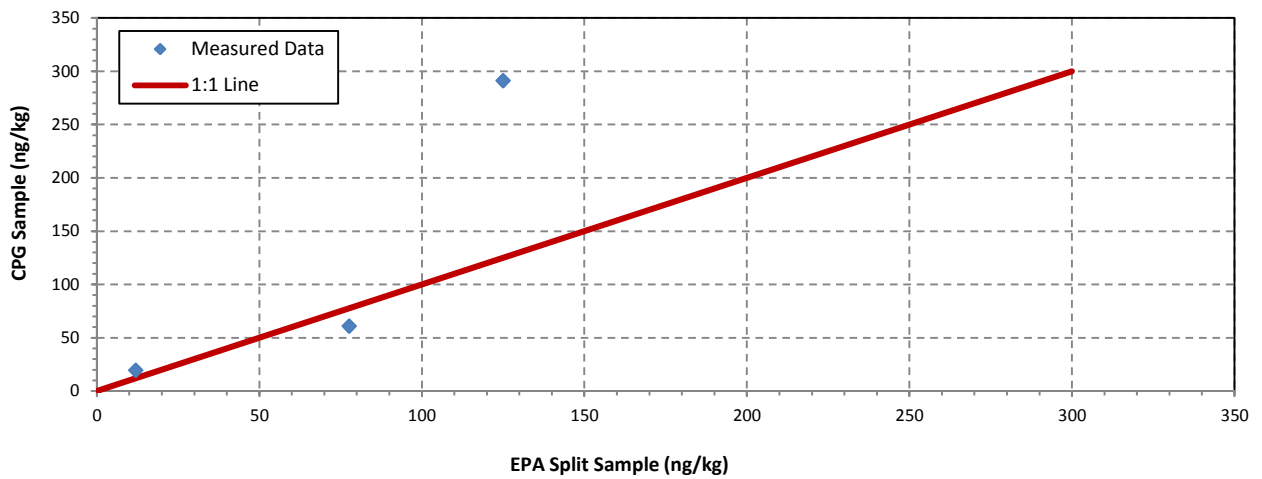
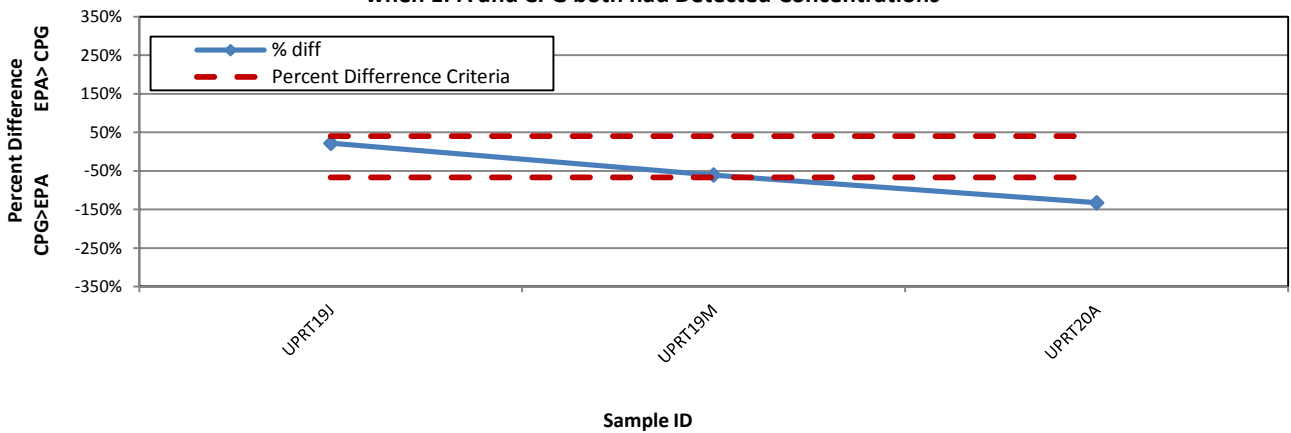


Figure 1c: Line Plot of 1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations



Statistical Plot of Sediment 1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD Concentrations

Figure 1

1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD = 1,2,3,4,6,7,8- heptachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin

Figure 2a: Line Plot of 1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF Concentrations

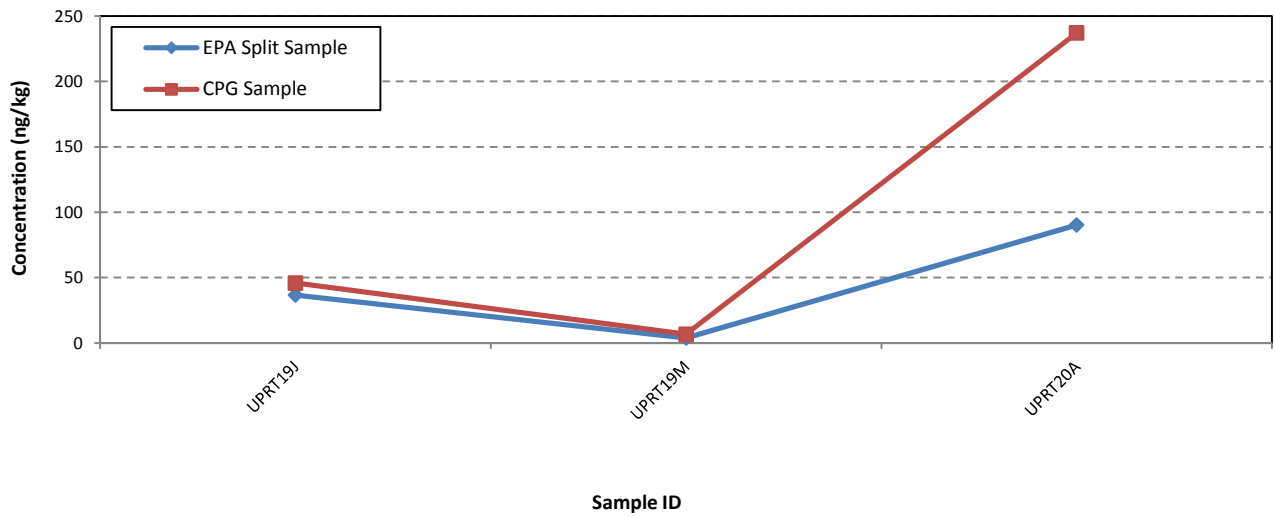


Figure 2b: Bivariate Plot of 1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF Concentrations

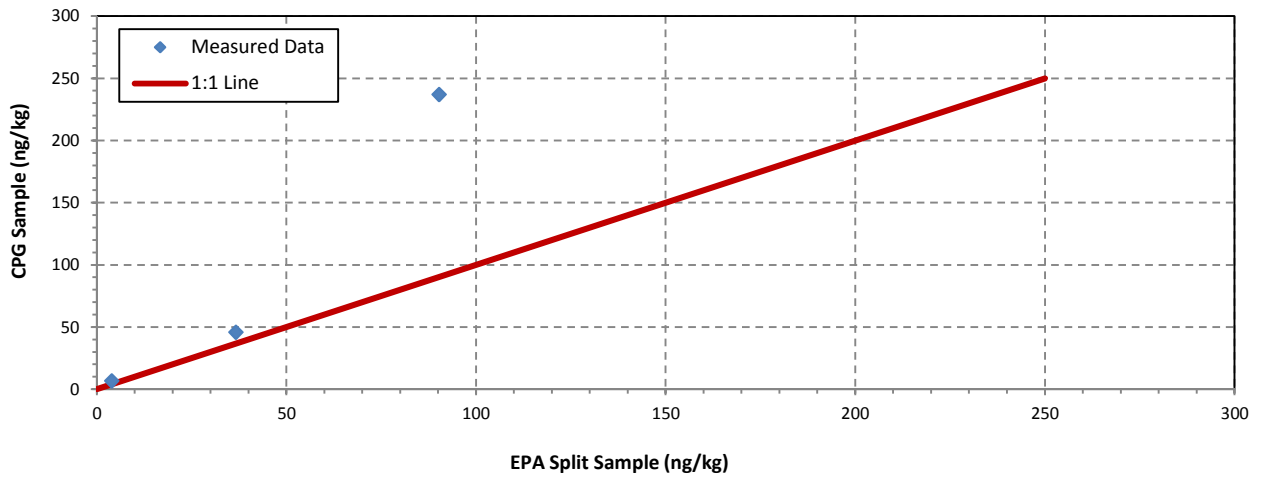
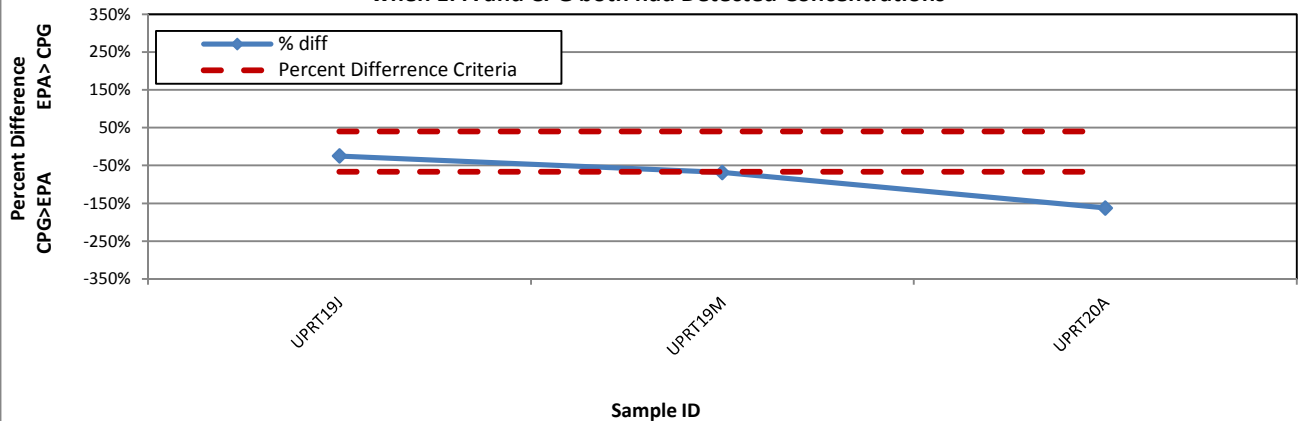
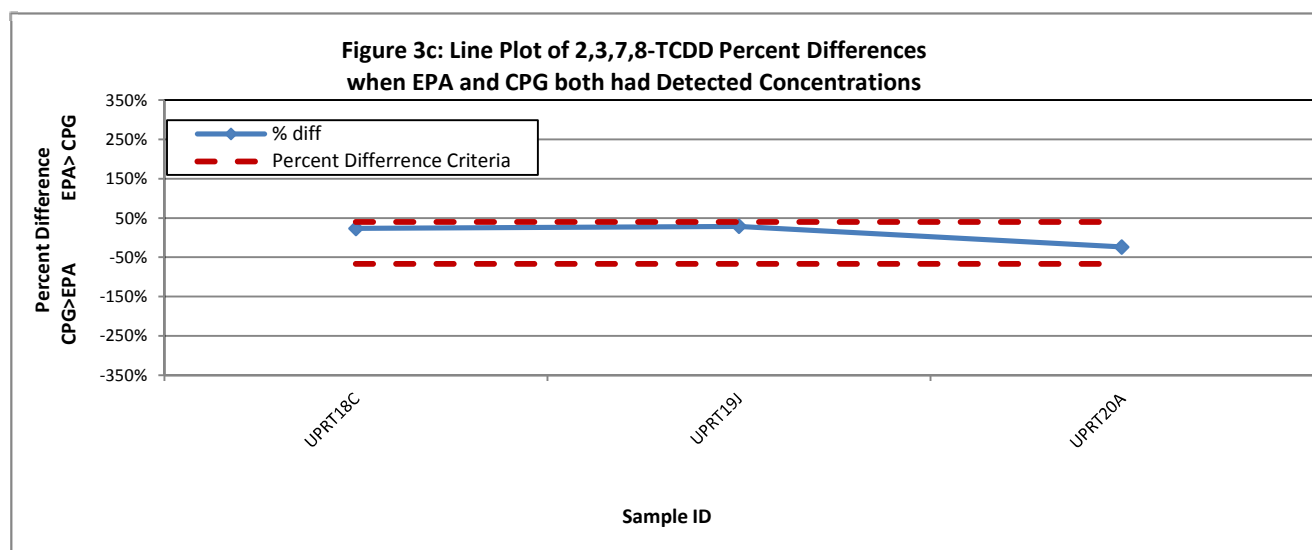
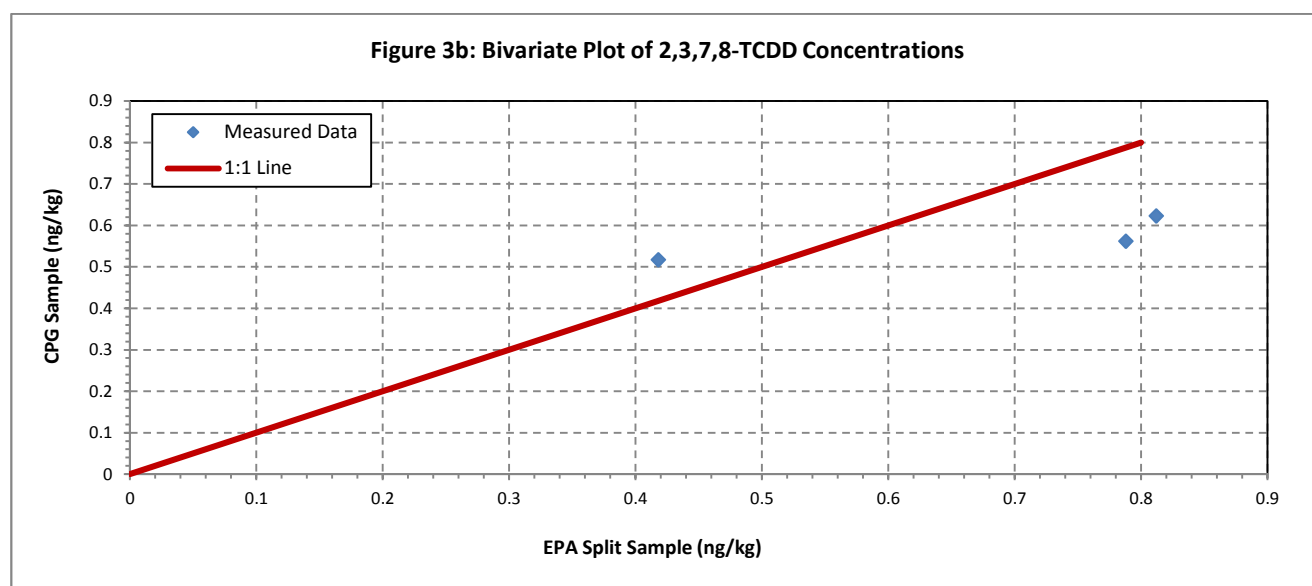
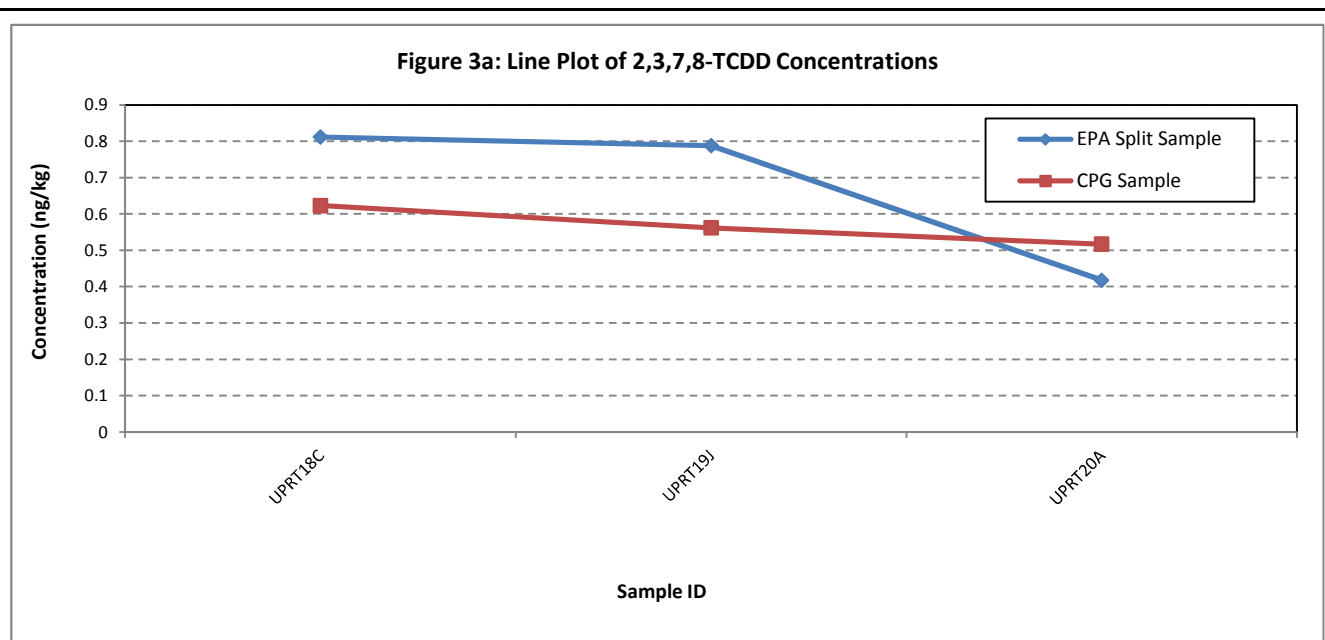


Figure 2c: Line Plot of 1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations





Statistical Plot of Sediment 2,3,7,8-TCDD Concentrations

Figure 3

2,3,7,8-TCDD = 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin

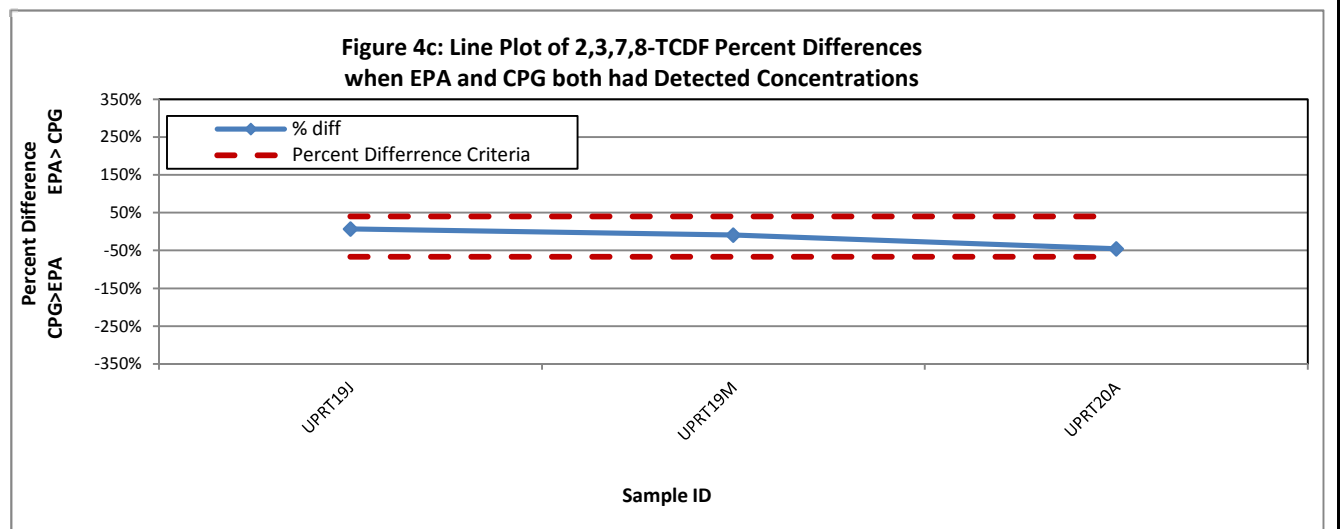
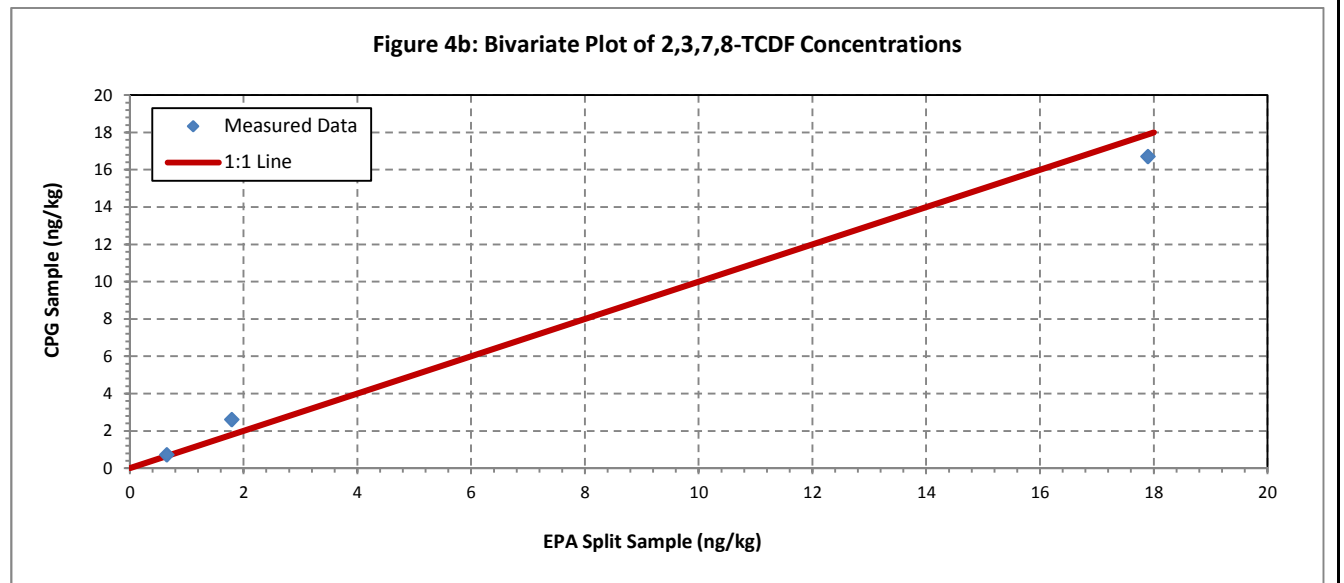
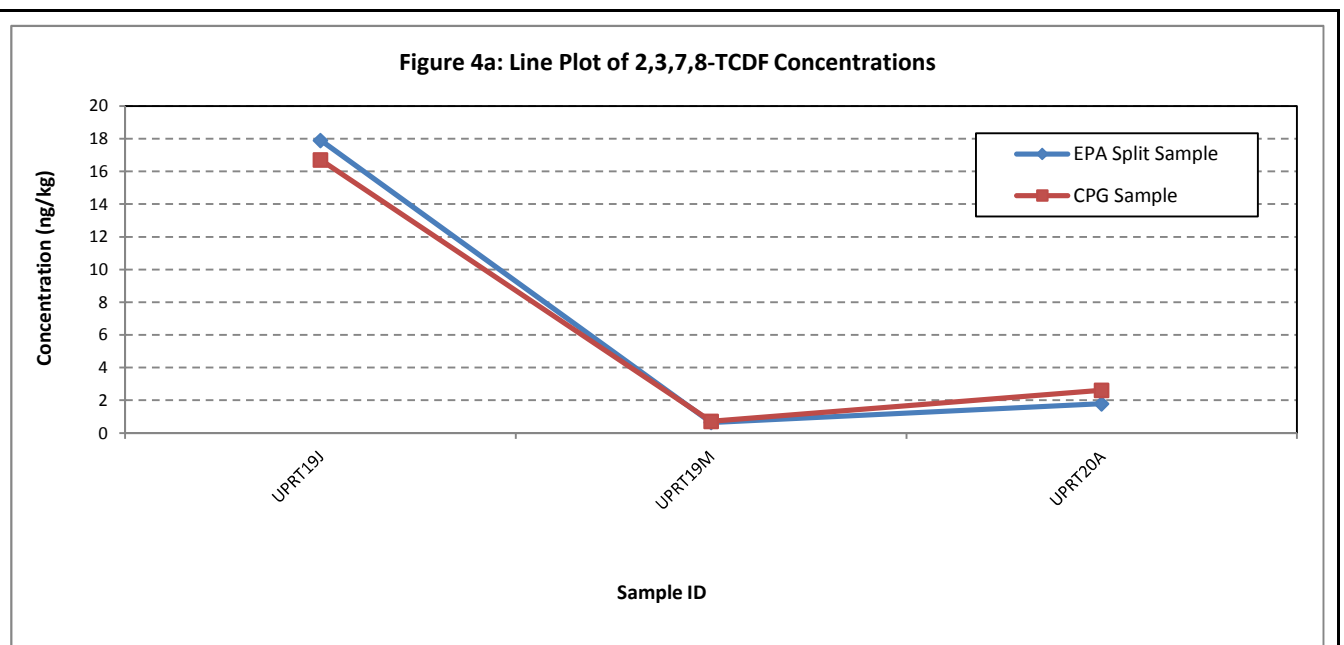


Figure 5a: Line Plot of OCDD Concentrations

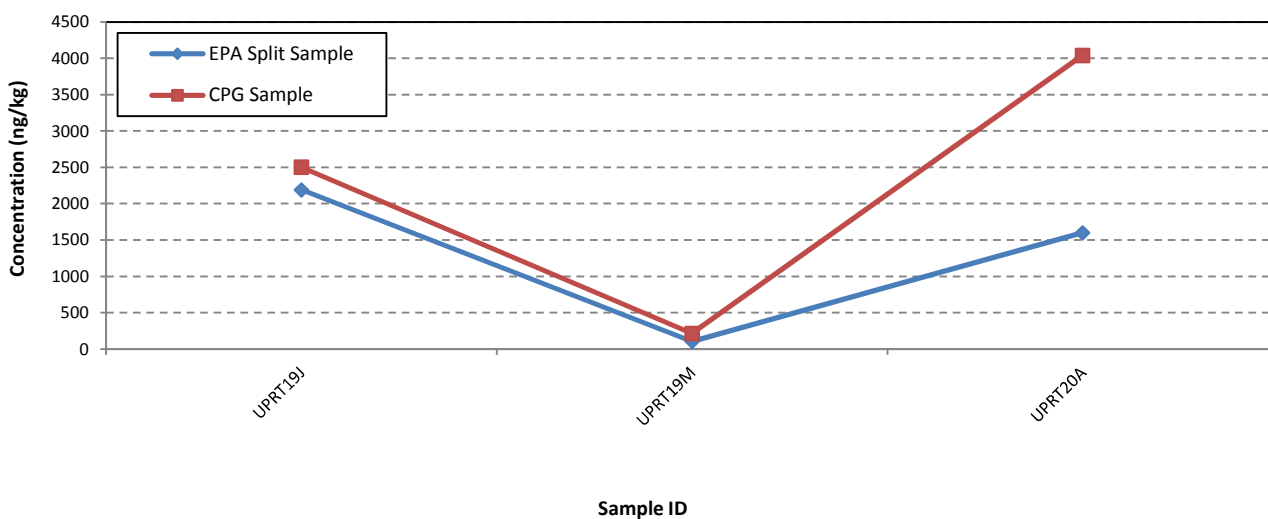


Figure 5b: Bivariate Plot of OCDD Concentrations

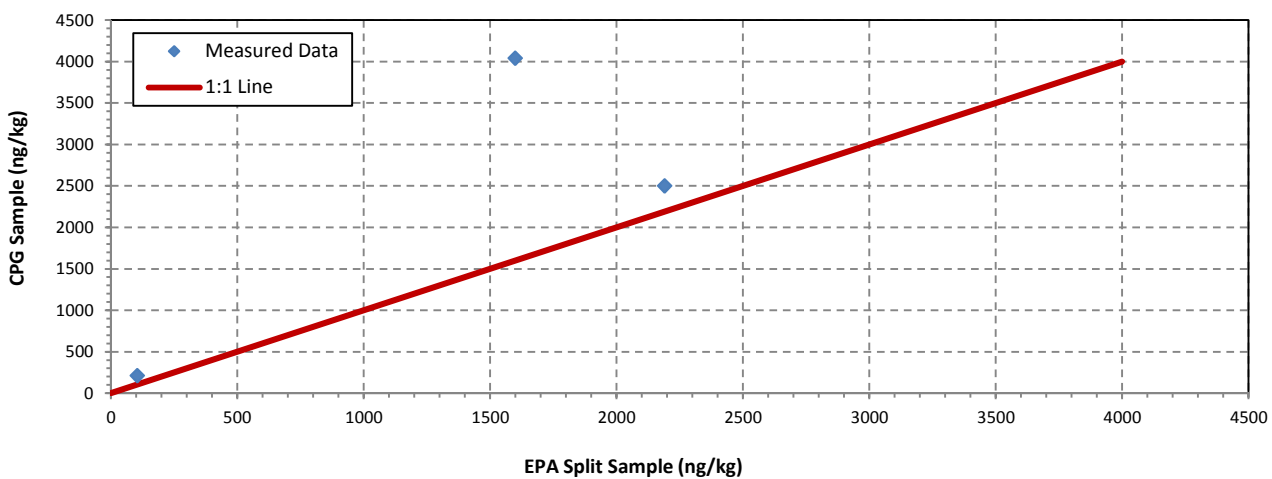
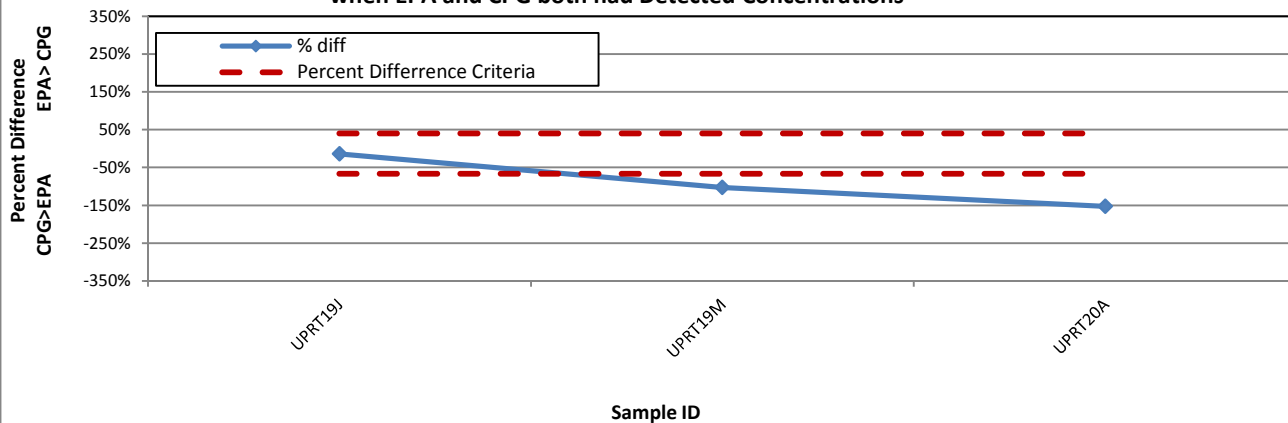


Figure 5c: Line Plot of OCDD Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations



Statistical Plot of Sediment OCDD Concentrations

Figure 5

OCDD = octachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin

Figure 6a: Line Plot of OCDF Concentrations

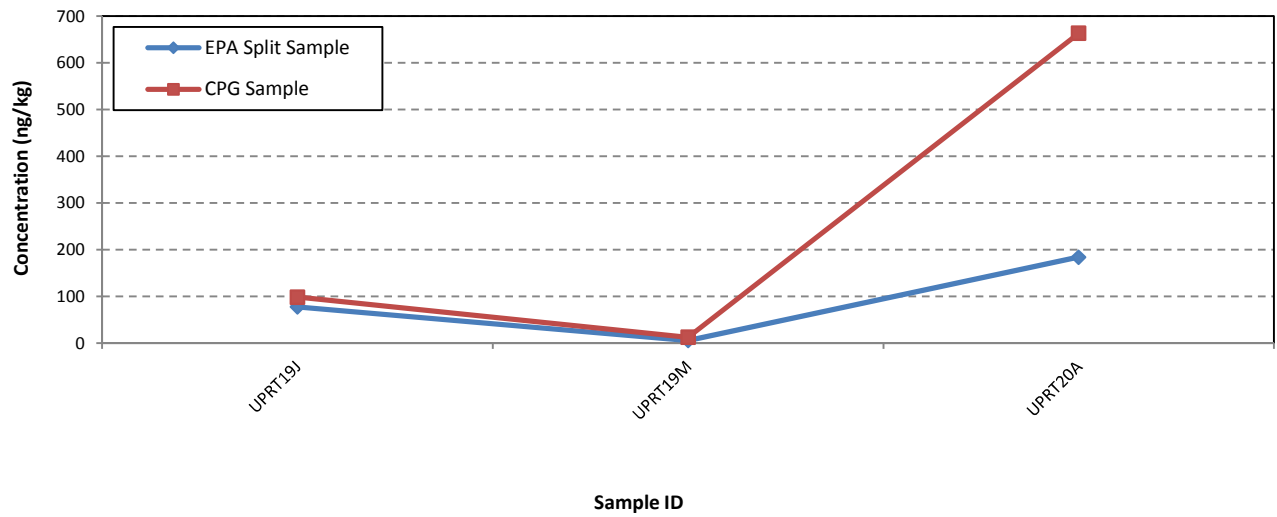


Figure 6b: Bivariate Plot of OCDF Concentrations

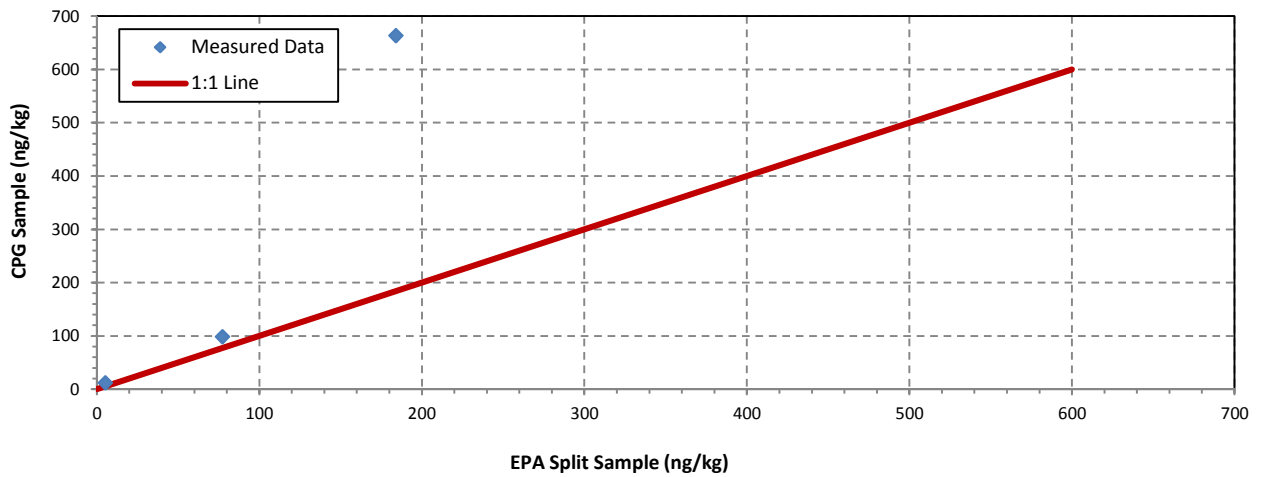


Figure 6c: Line Plot of OCDF Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations

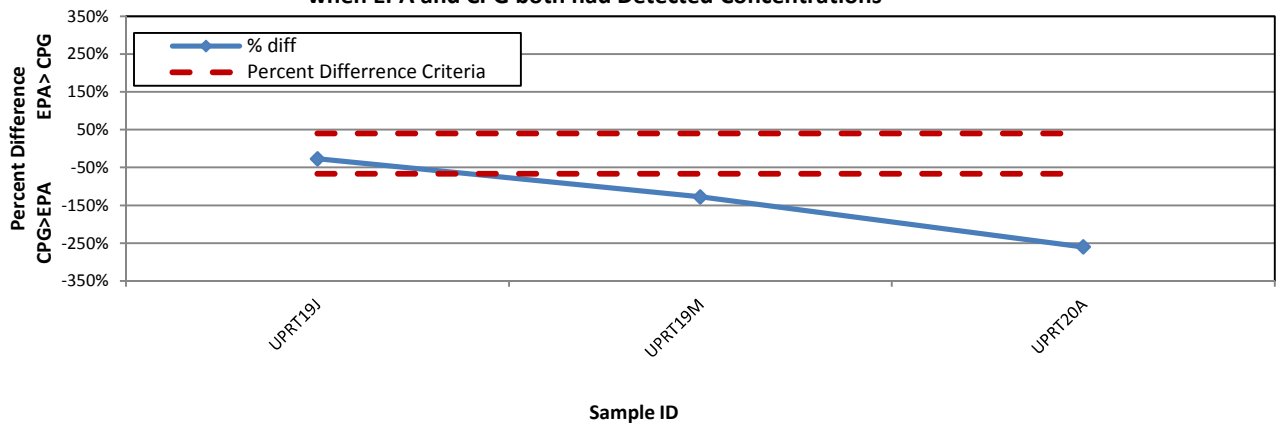


Figure 7a: Line Plot of Total TCDD Concentrations

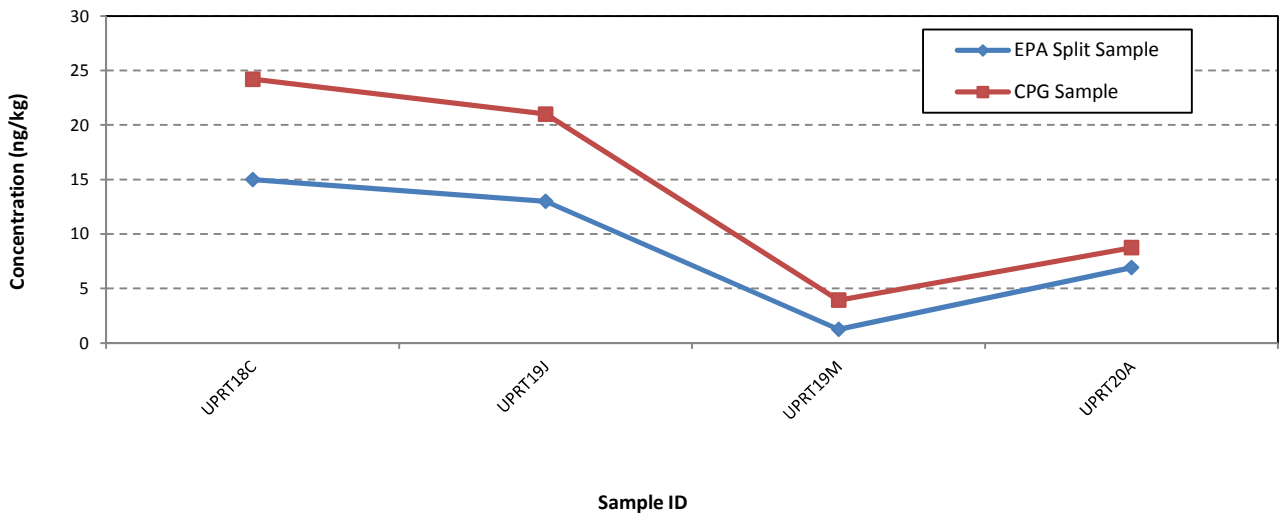


Figure 7b: Bivariate Plot of Total TCDD Concentrations

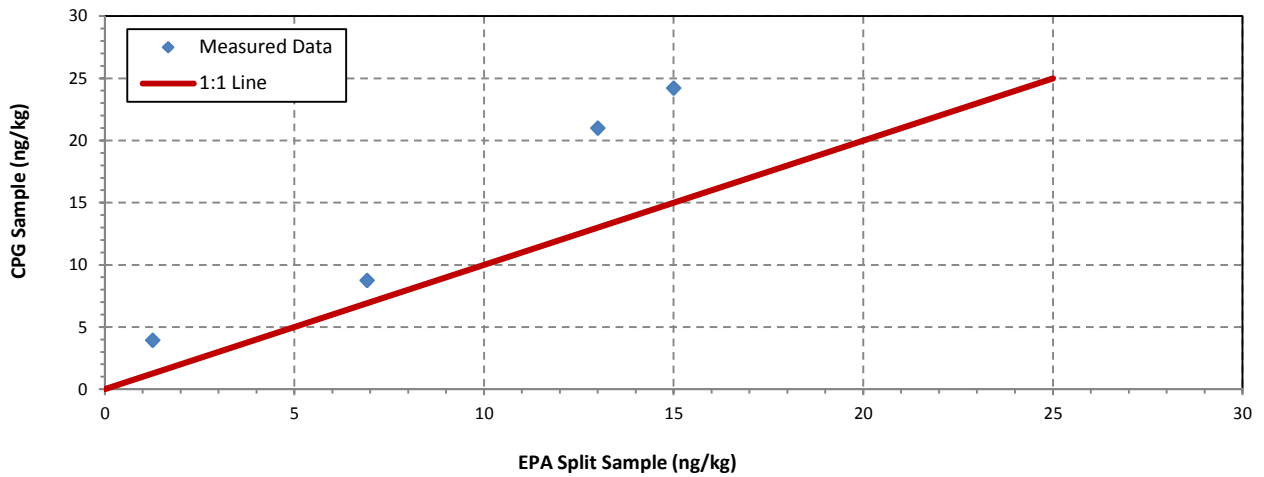
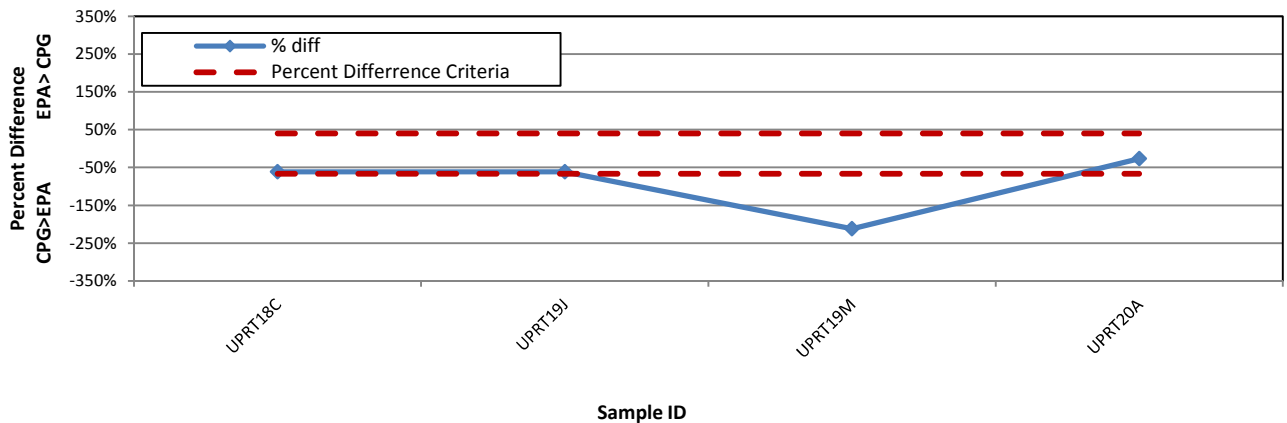
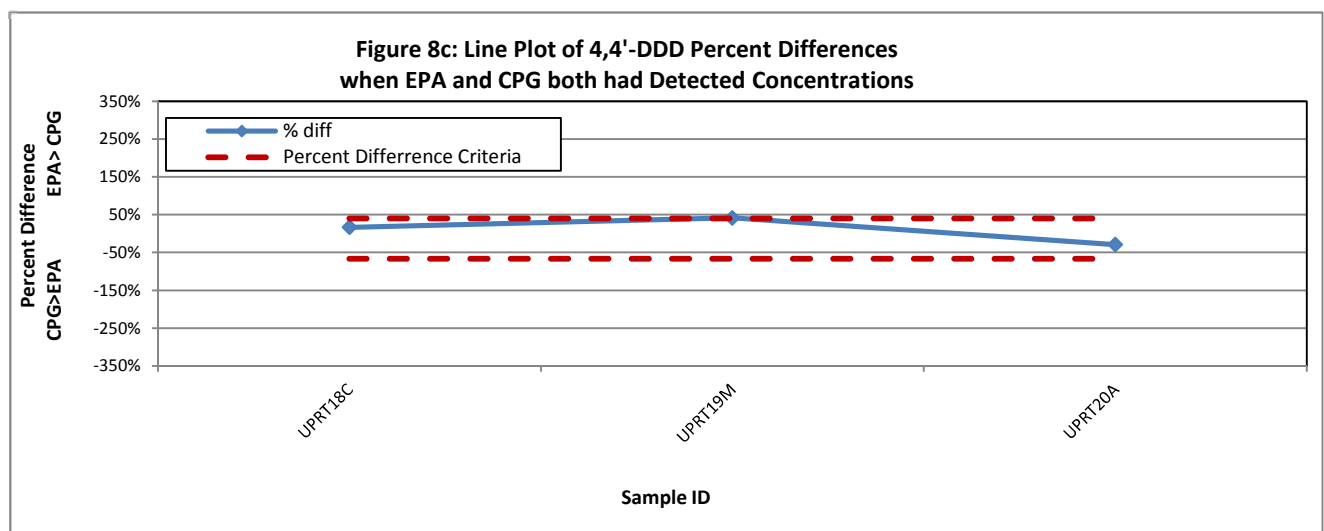
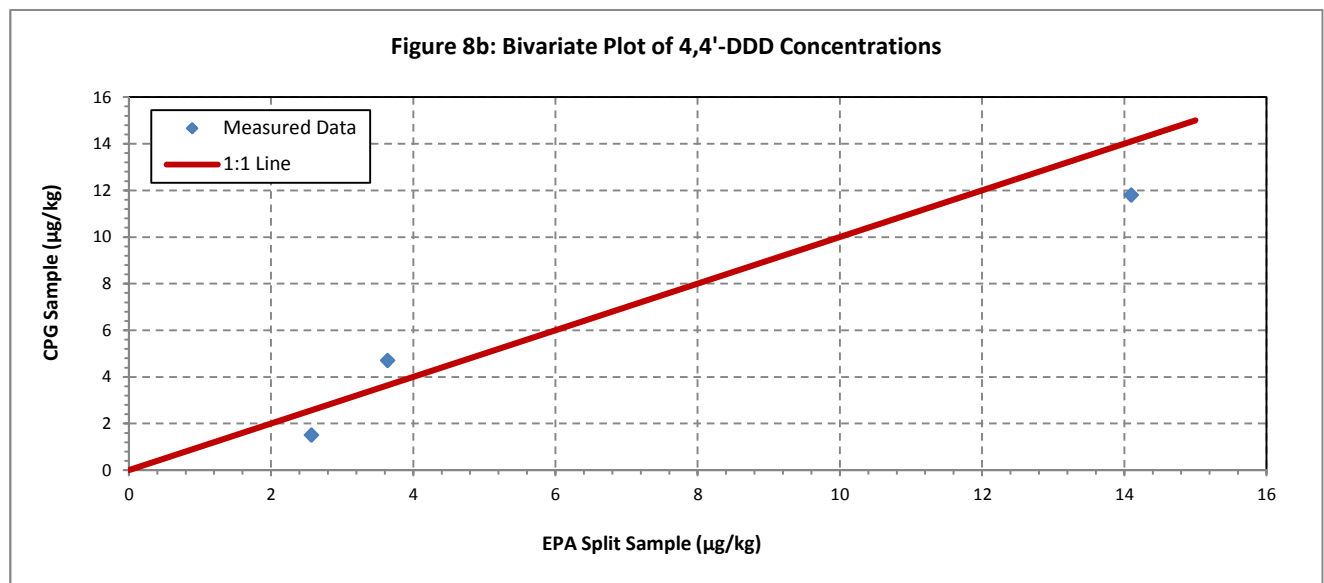
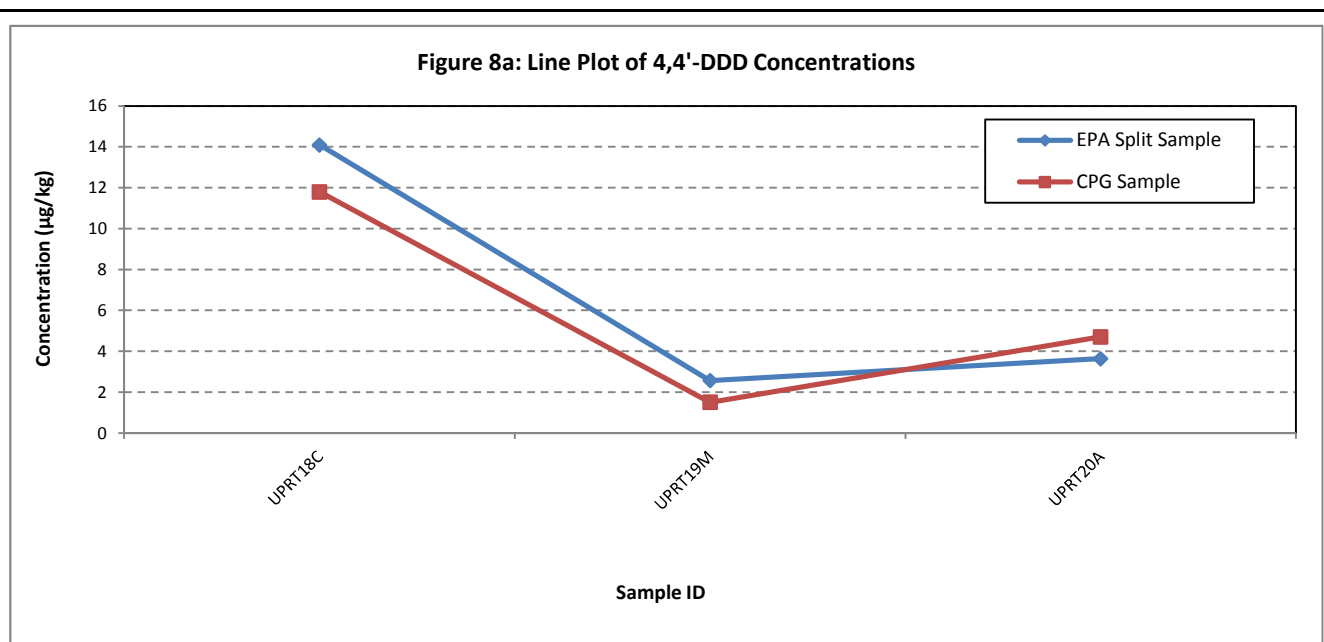


Figure 7c: Line Plot of Total TCDD Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations





Statistical Plot of Sediment 4,4'-DDD Concentrations

Figure 8

4,4'-DDD = 4,4'-dichlorodiphenyldichloroethane

Figure 9a: Line Plot of 4,4'-DDE Concentrations

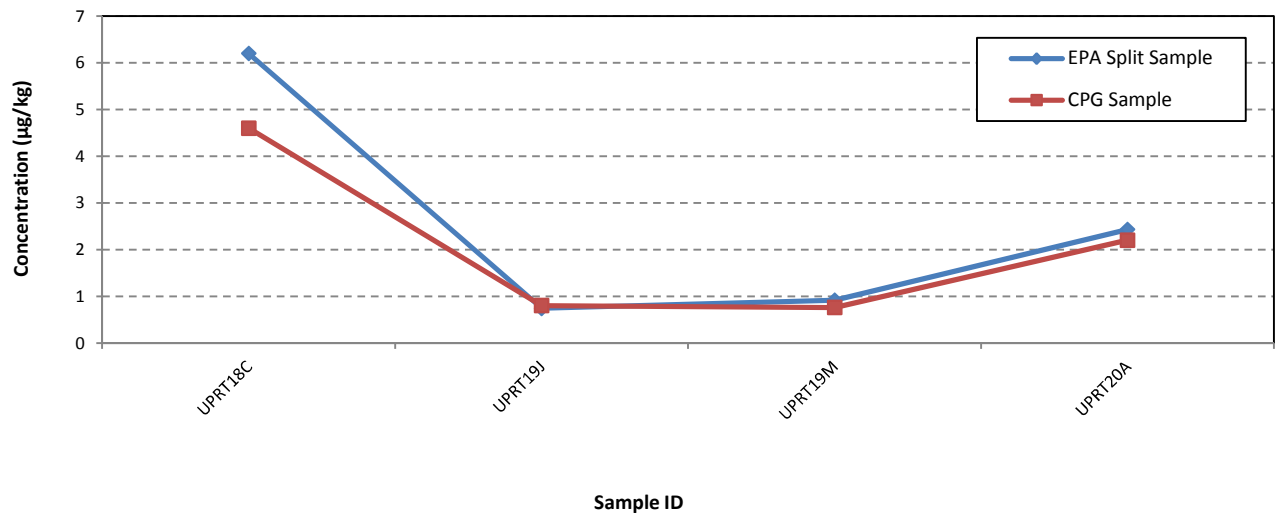


Figure 9b: Bivariate Plot of 4,4'-DDE Concentrations

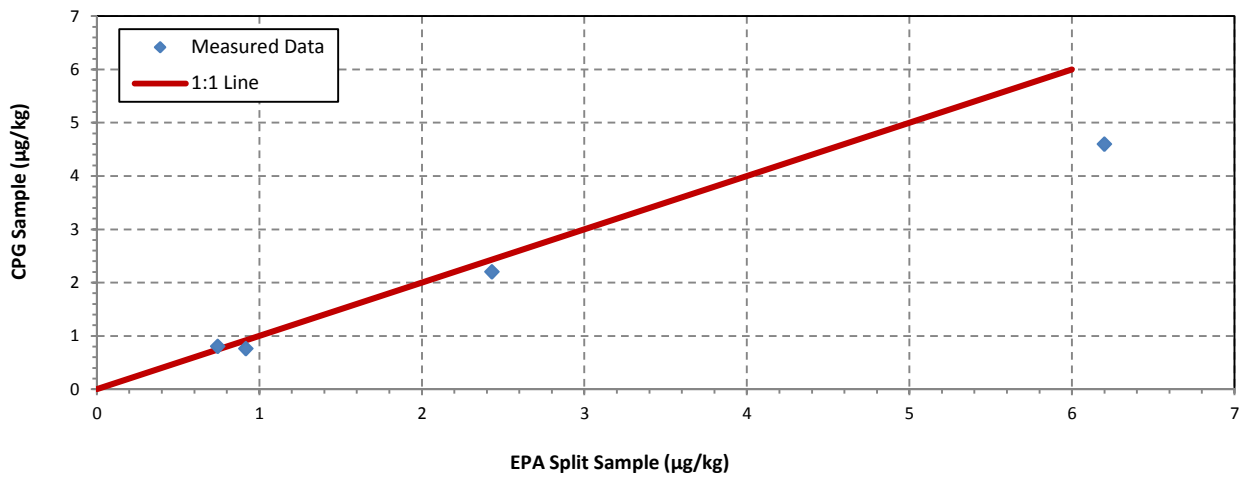
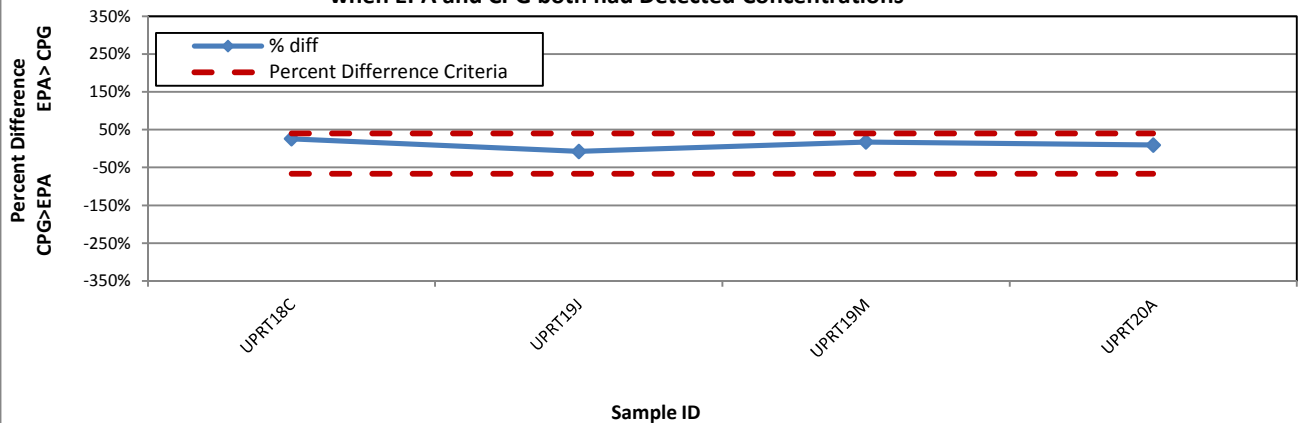


Figure 9c: Line Plot of 4,4'-DDE Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations



Statistical Plot of Sediment 4,4'-DDE Concentrations

Figure 9

4,4'-DDE = 4,4'-dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene

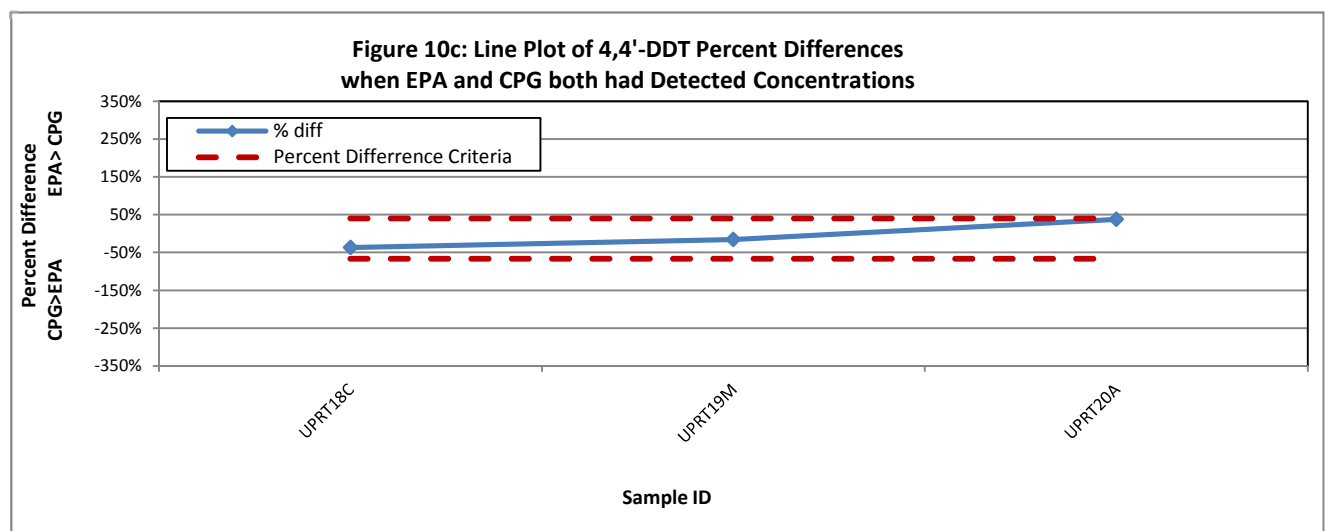
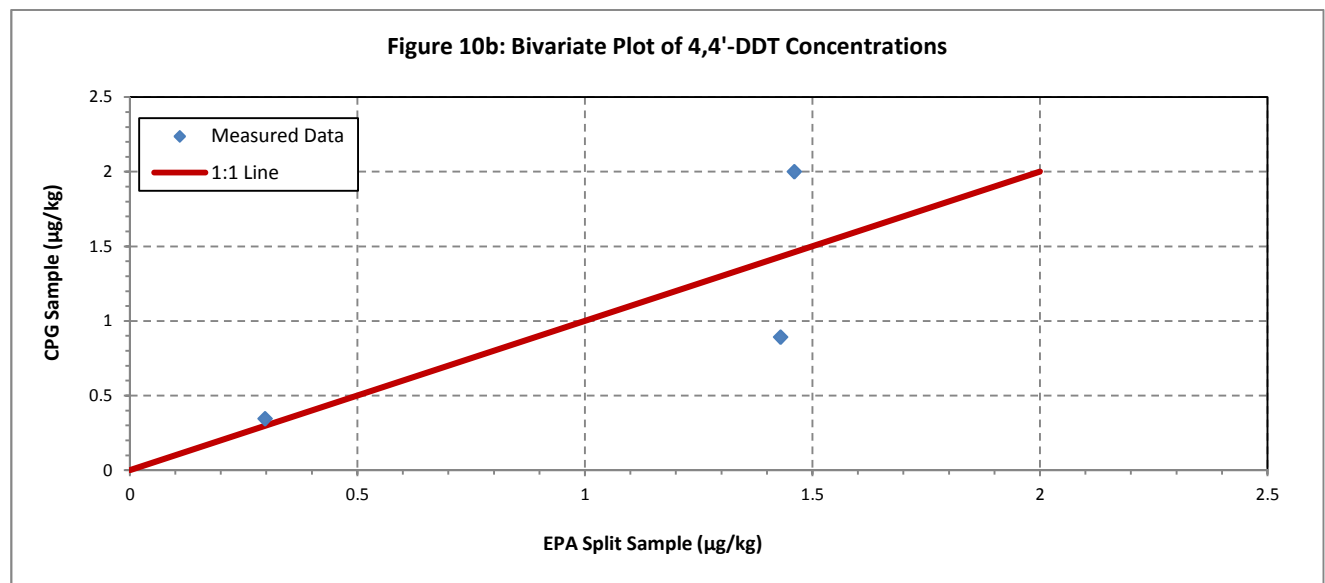
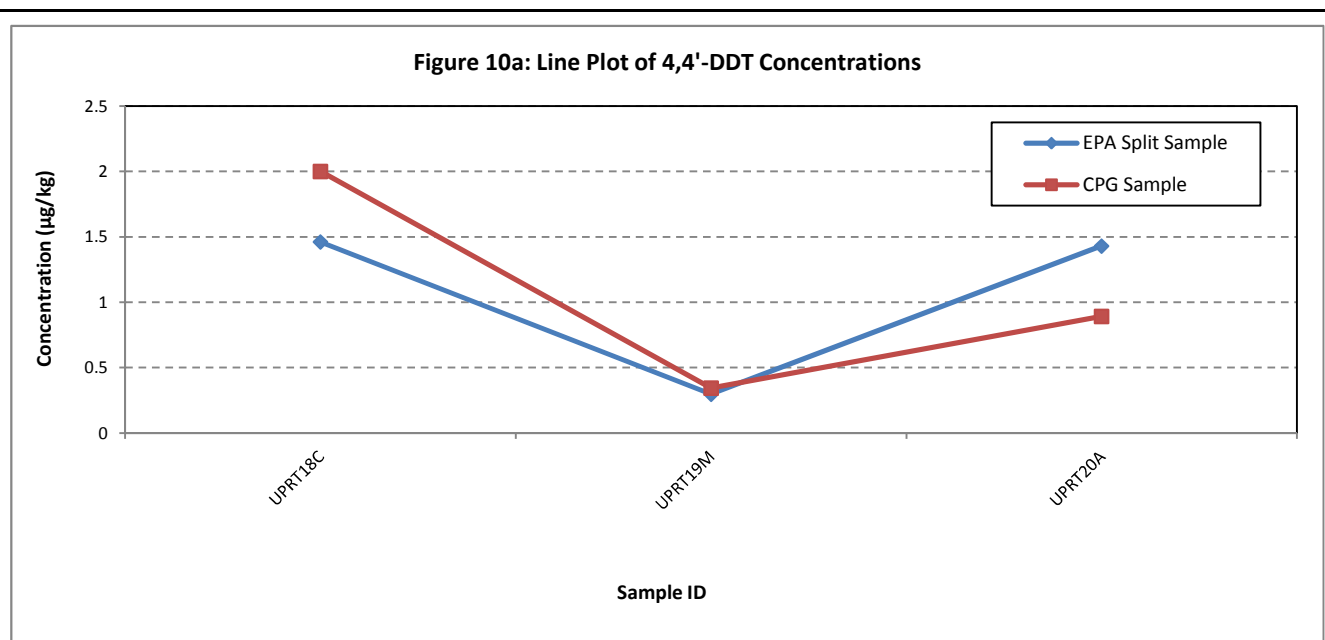


Figure 11a: Line Plot of Dieldrin Concentrations

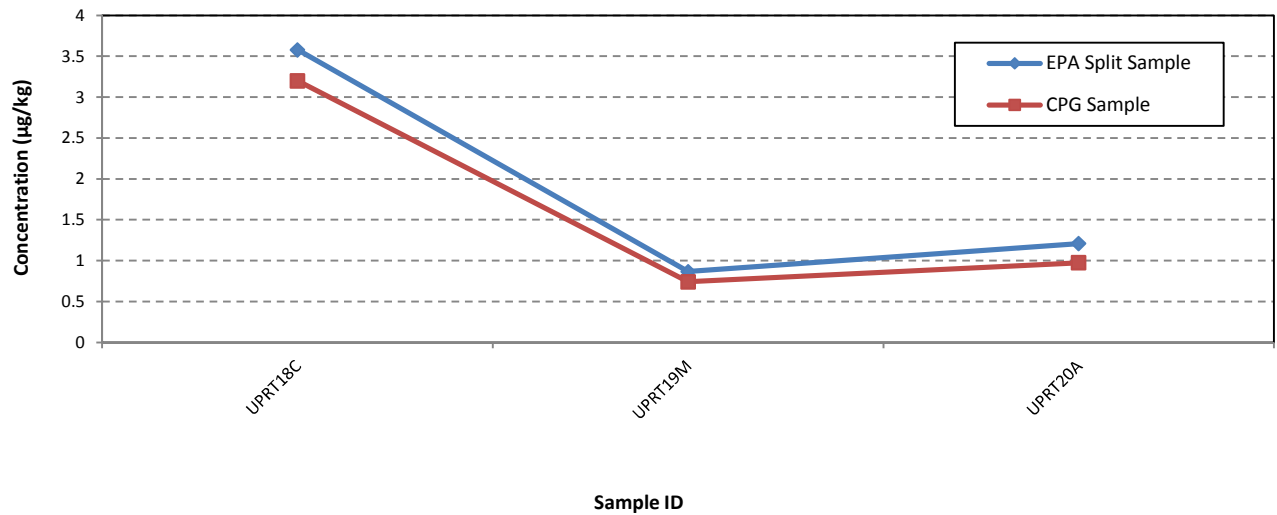


Figure 11b: Bivariate Plot of Dieldrin Concentrations

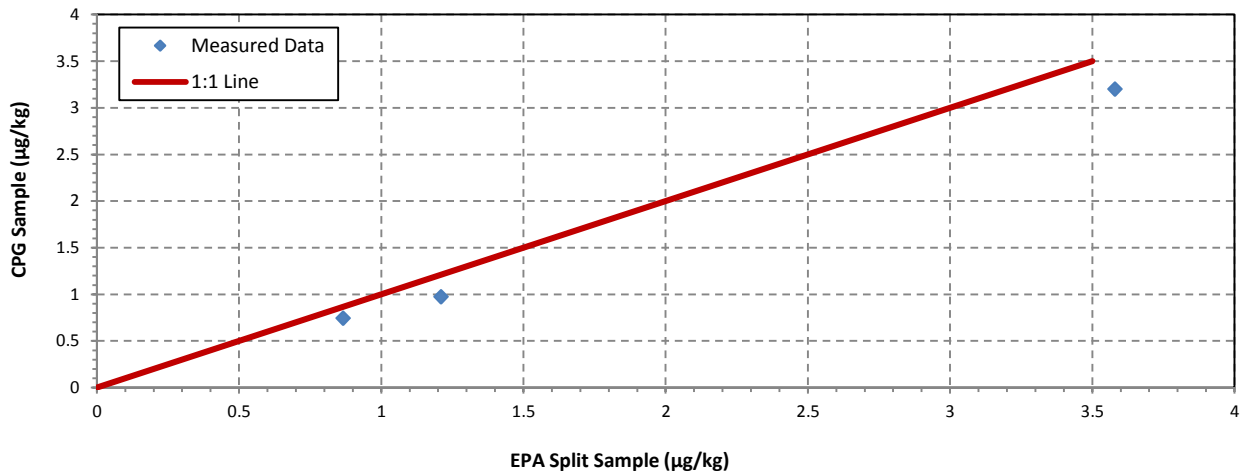


Figure 11c: Line Plot of Dieldrin Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations

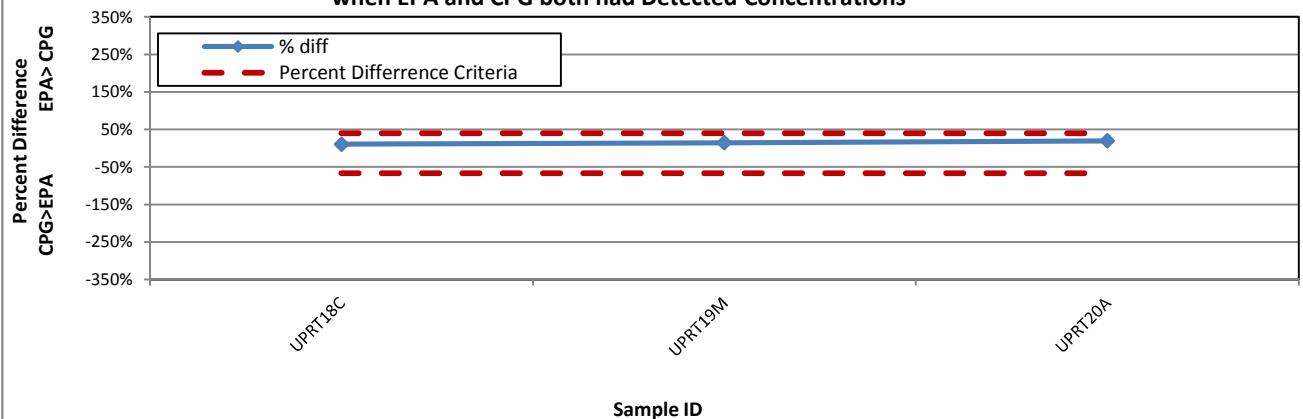


Figure 12a: Line Plot of alpha-Chlordane Concentrations

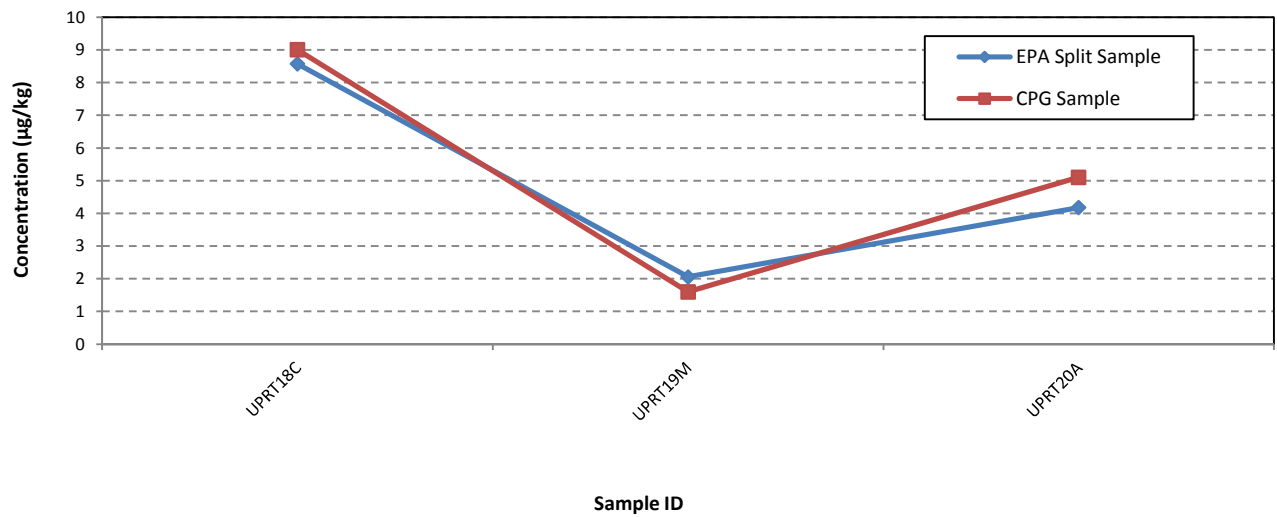


Figure 12b: Bivariate Plot of alpha-Chlordane Concentrations

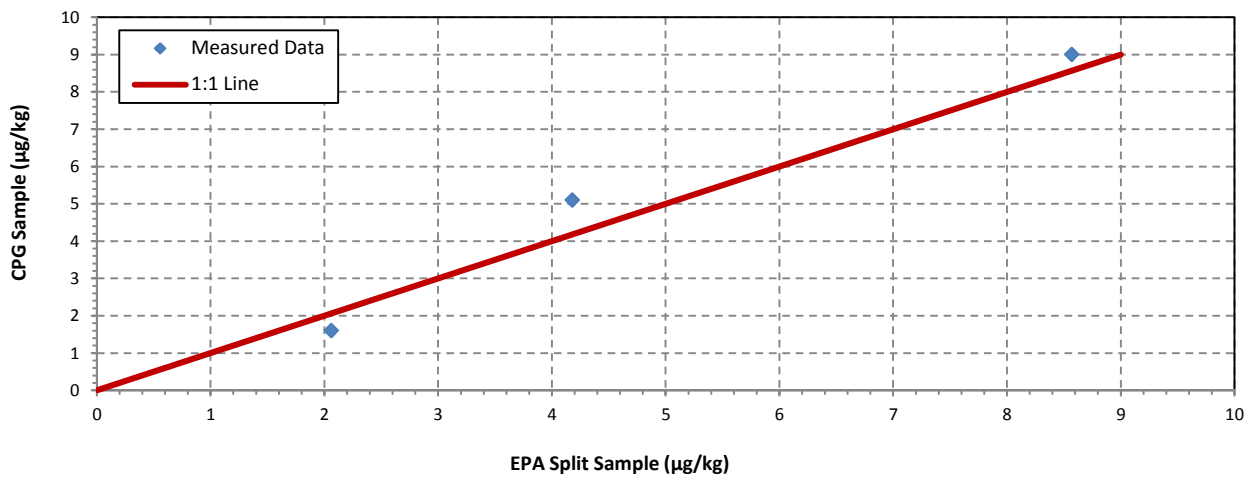
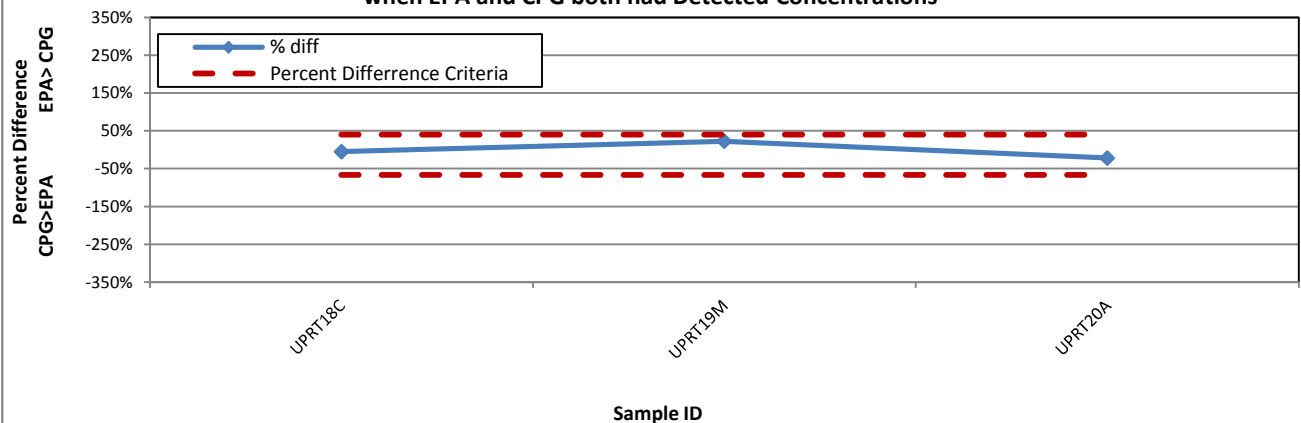
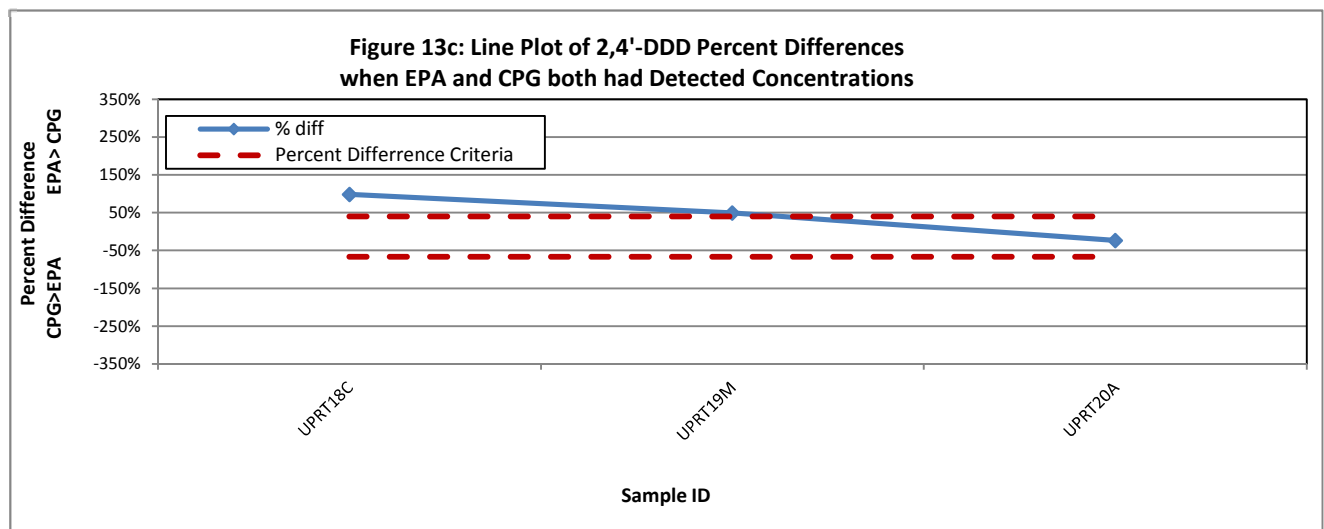
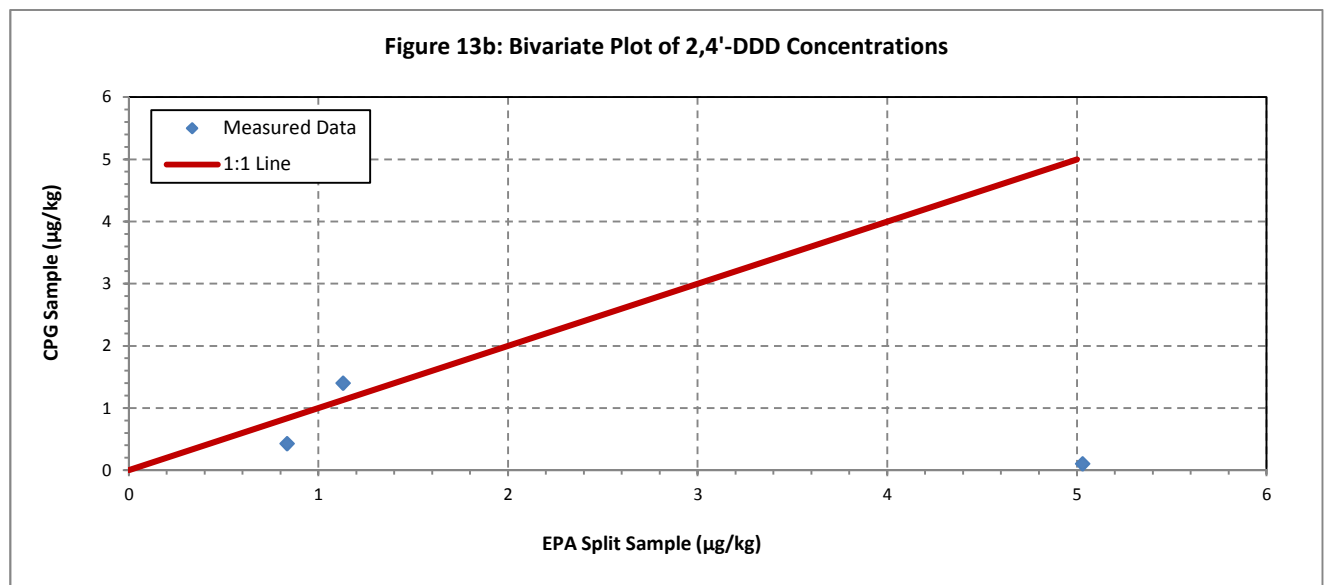
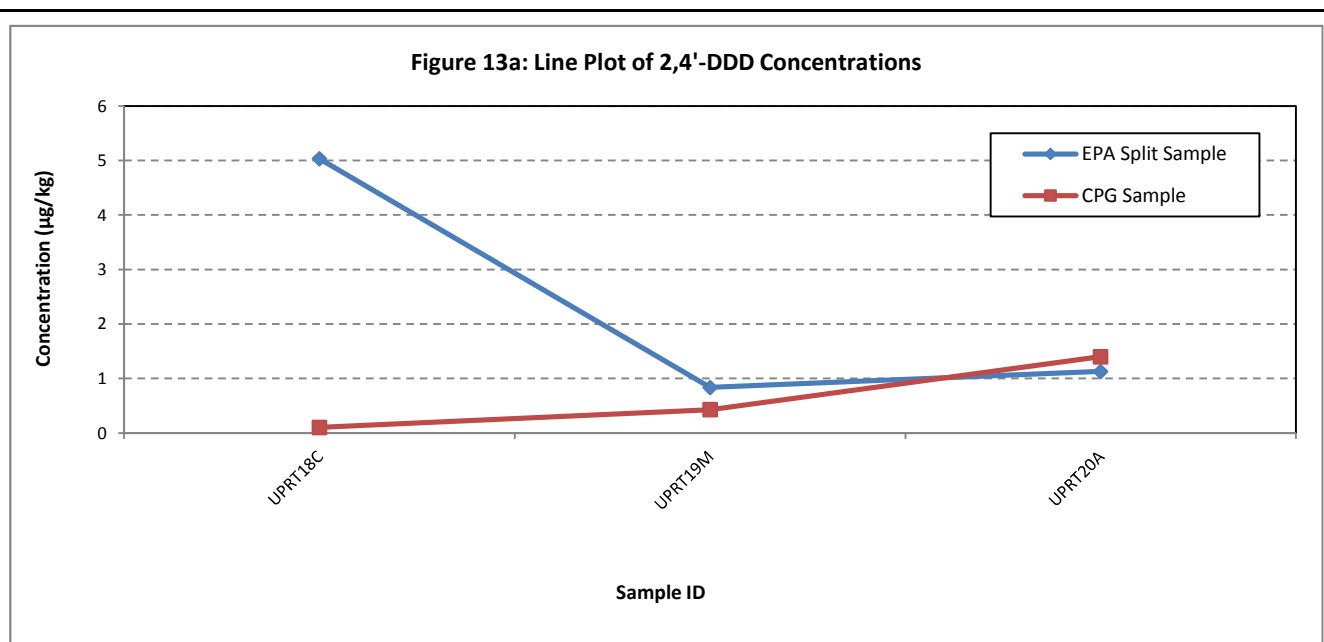
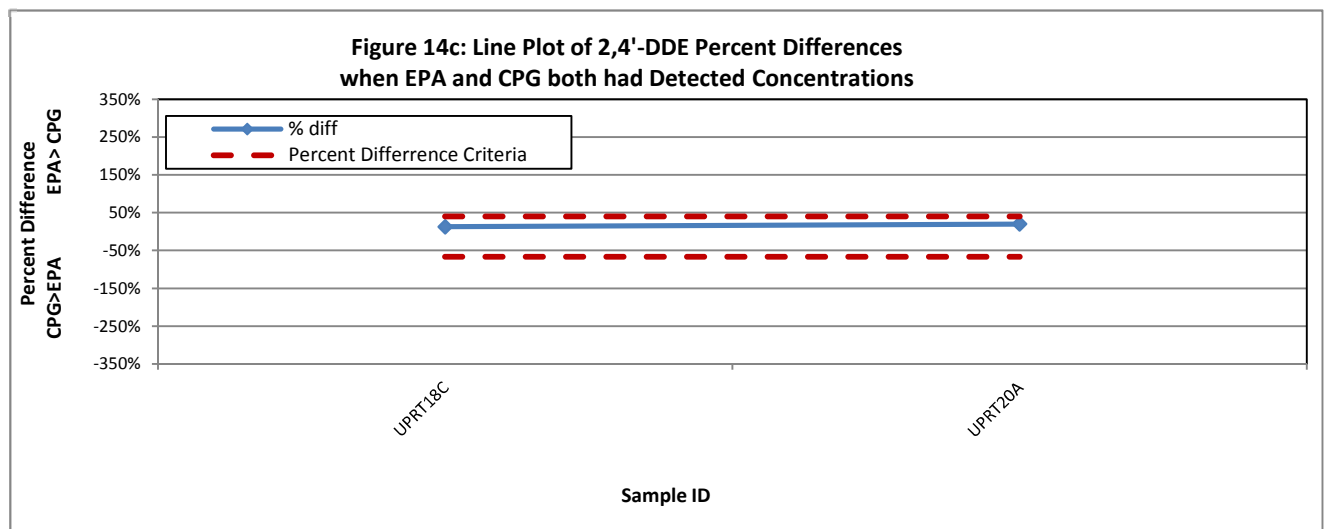
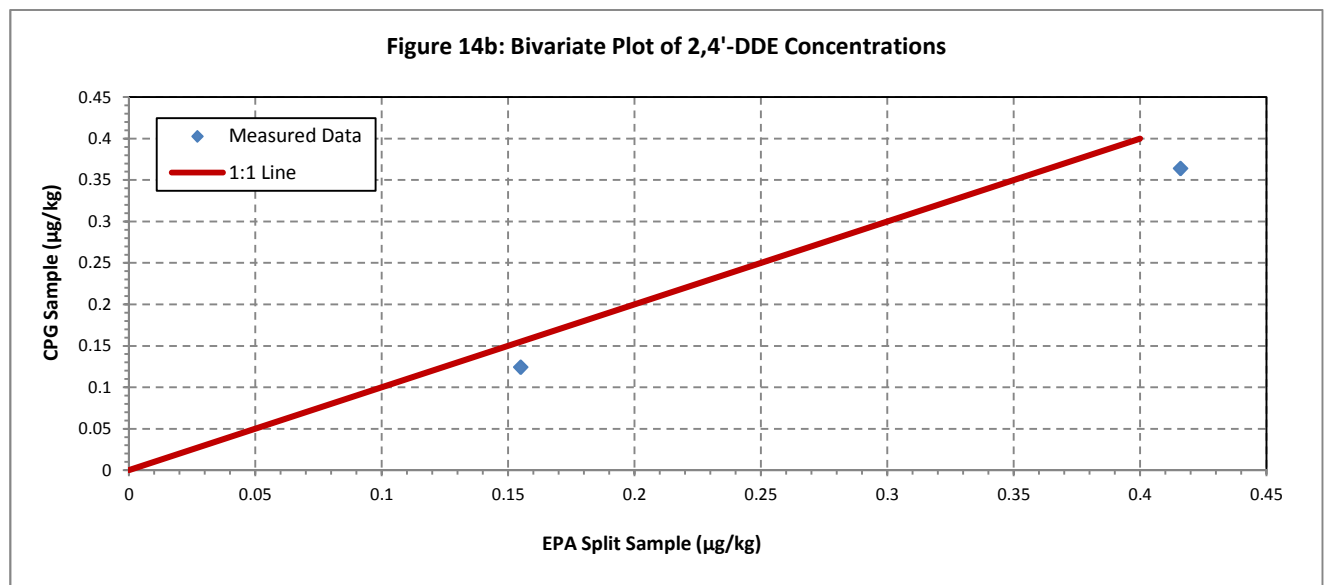
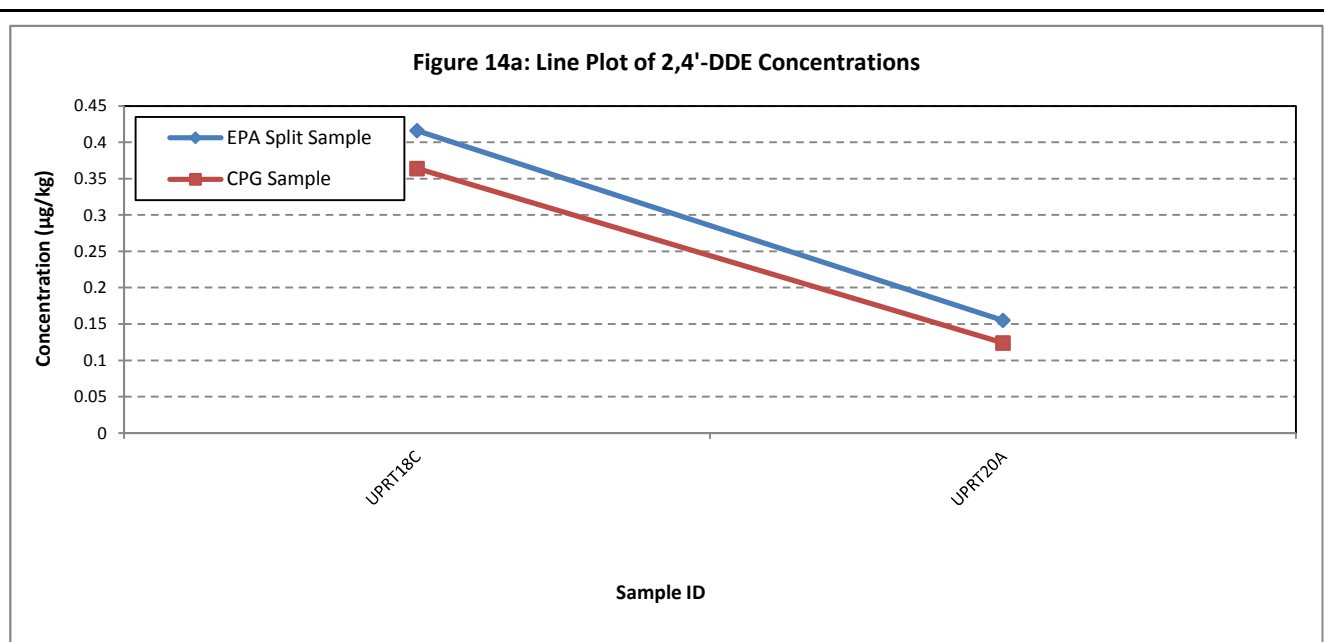


Figure 12c: Line Plot of alpha-Chlordane Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations





2,4'-DDD = 2,4'-dichlorodiphenyldichloroethane



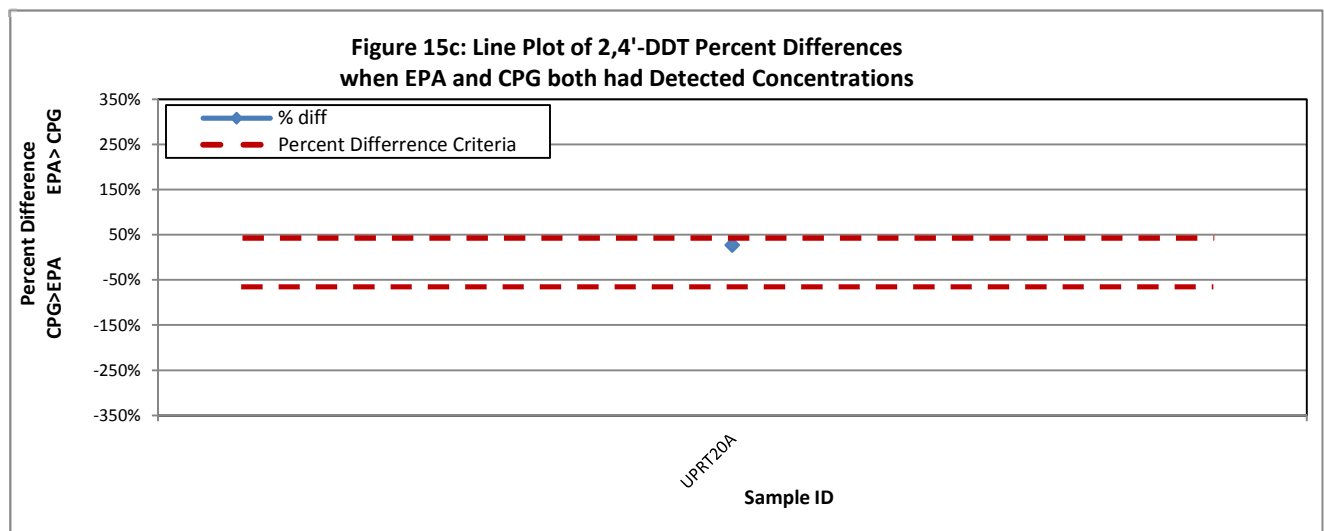
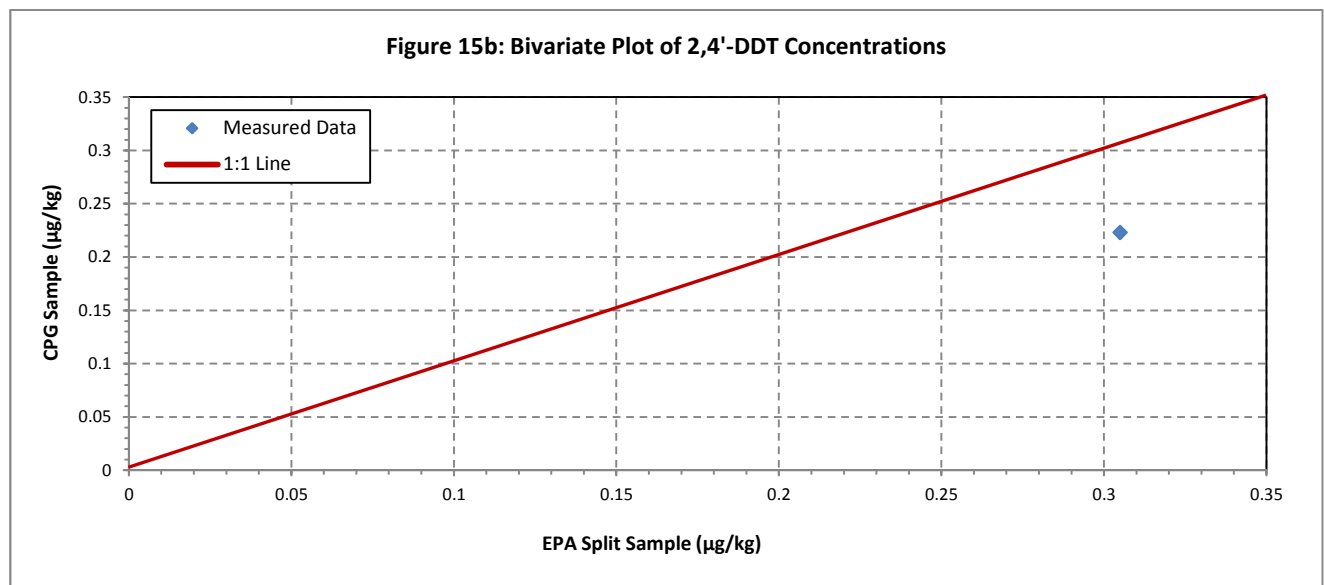
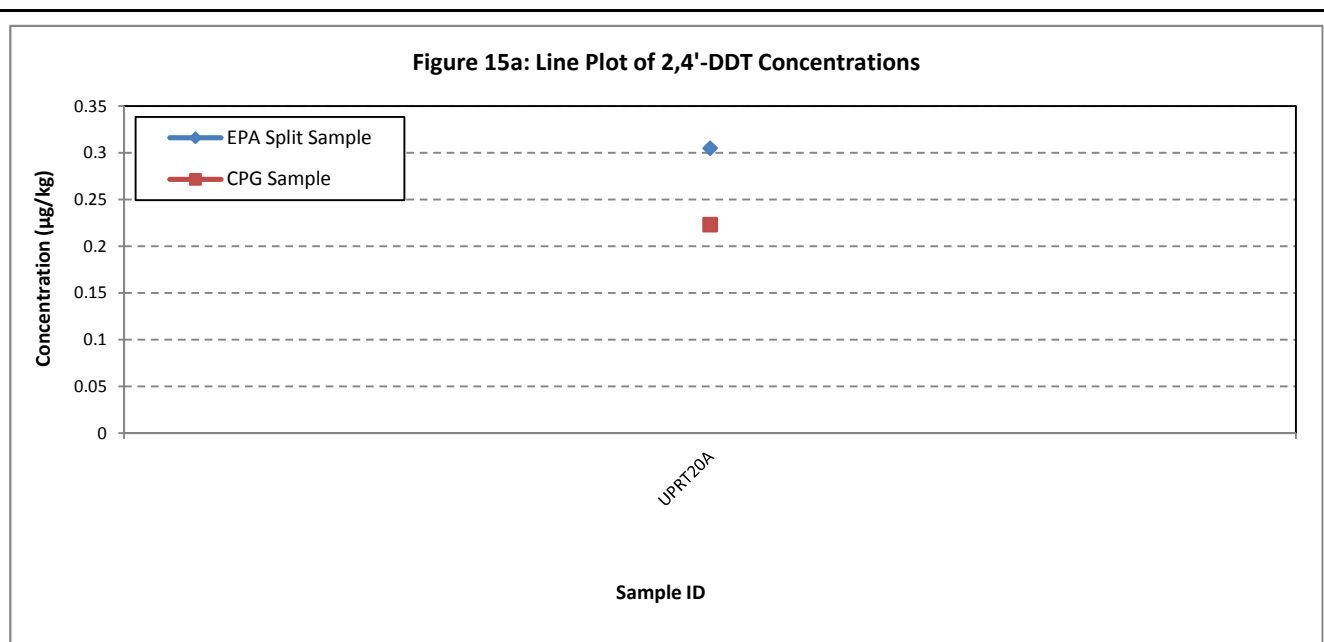


Figure 16a: Line Plot of 3,3',4,4'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl (PCB 77) Concentrations

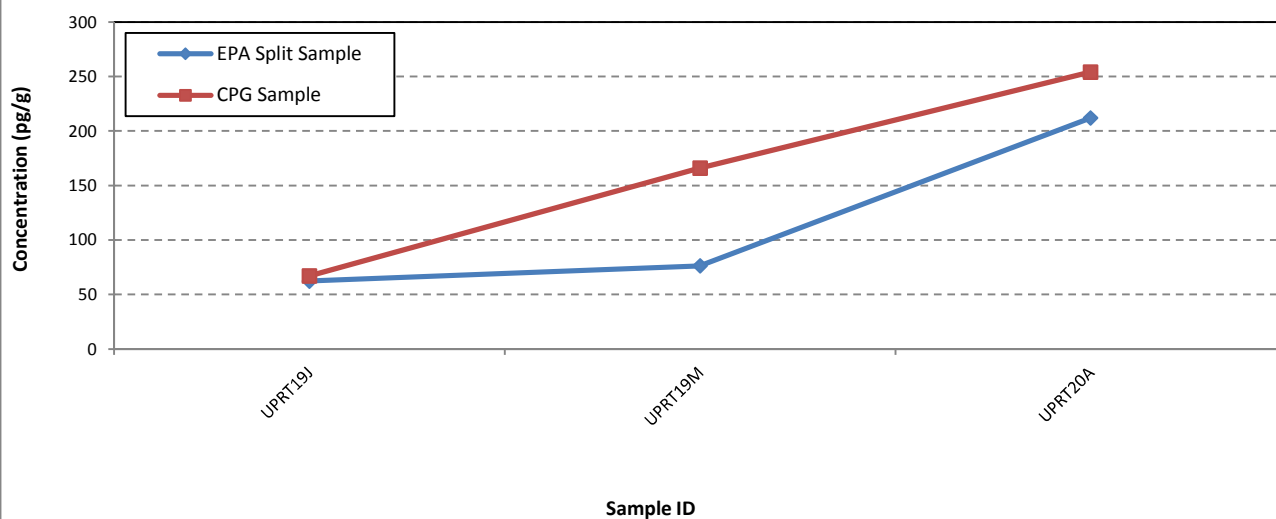


Figure 16b: Bivariate Plot of 3,3',4,4'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl (PCB 77) Concentrations

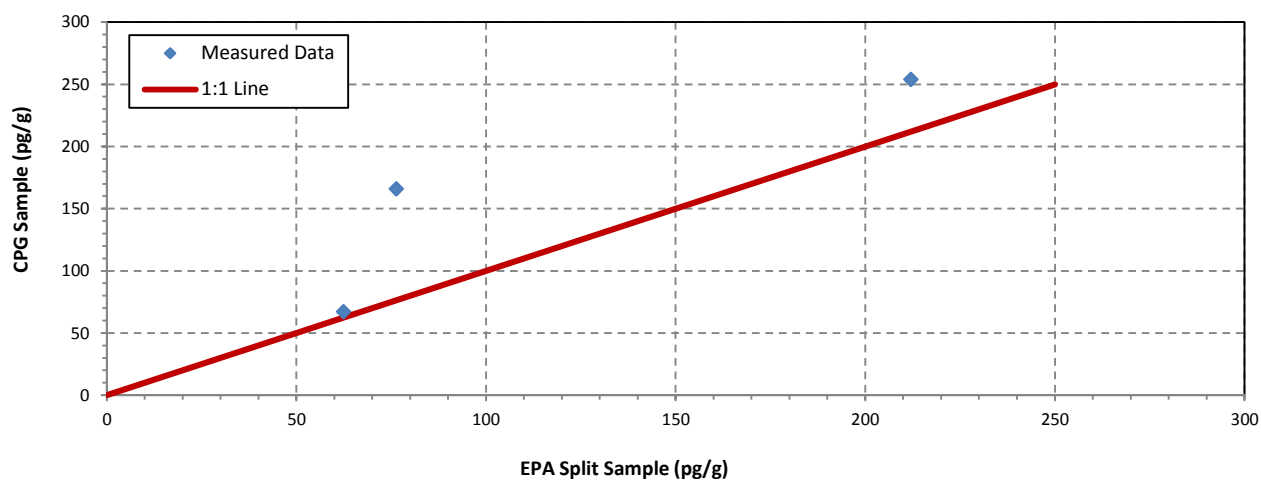
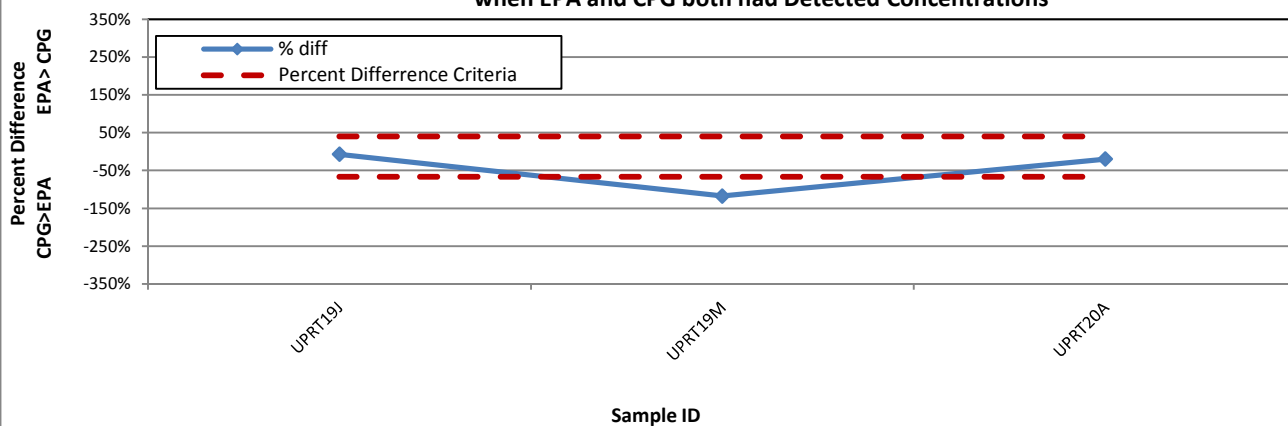


Figure 16c: Line Plot of 3,3',4,4'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl (PCB 77) Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations



Statistical Plot of Sediment 3,3',4,4'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl (PCB 77) Concentrations

Figure 16

PCB = polychlorinated biphenyl

Figure 17a: Line Plot of 3,4,4',5-Tetrachlorobiphenyl (PCB 81) Concentrations

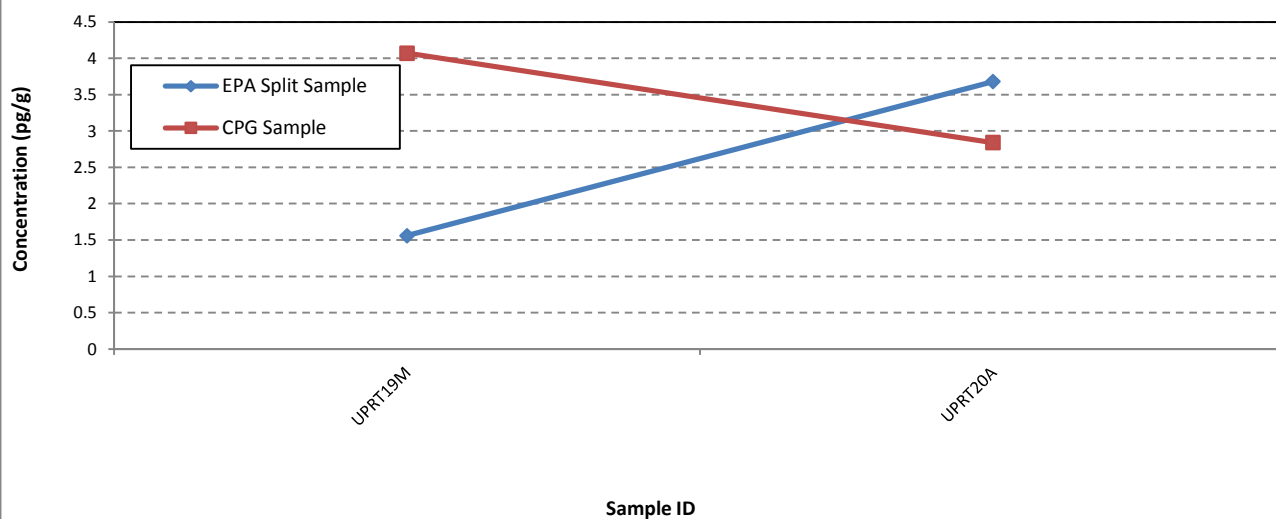


Figure 17b: Bivariate Plot of 3,4,4',5-Tetrachlorobiphenyl (PCB 81) Concentrations

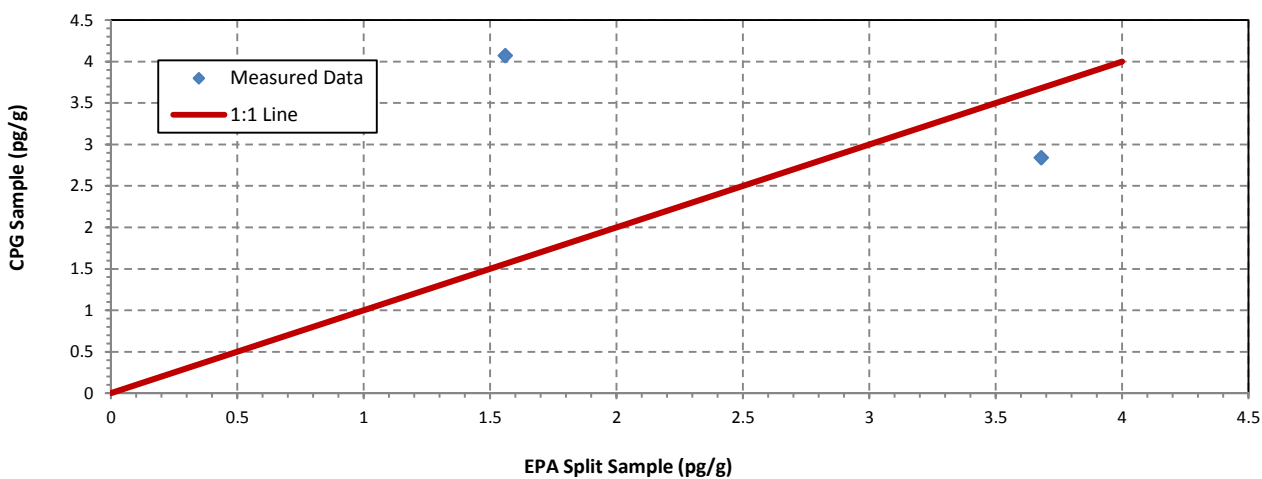
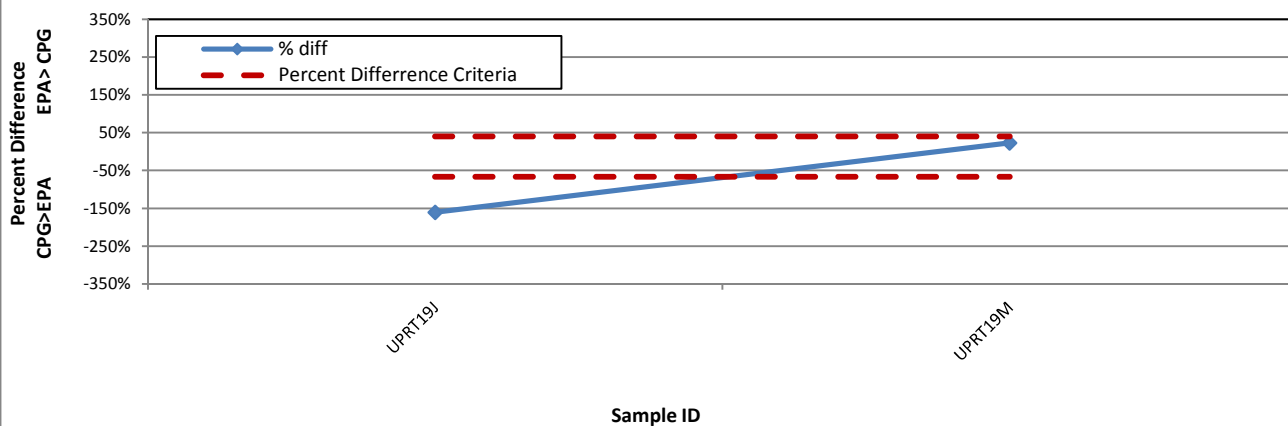


Figure 17c: Line Plot of 3,4,4',5-Tetrachlorobiphenyl (PCB 81) Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations



Statistical Plot of Sediment 3,4,4',5-Tetrachlorobiphenyl (PCB 81) Concentrations

Figure 17

PCB = polychlorinated biphenyl

Figure 18a: Line Plot of 2,3,3',4,4'-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 105) Concentrations

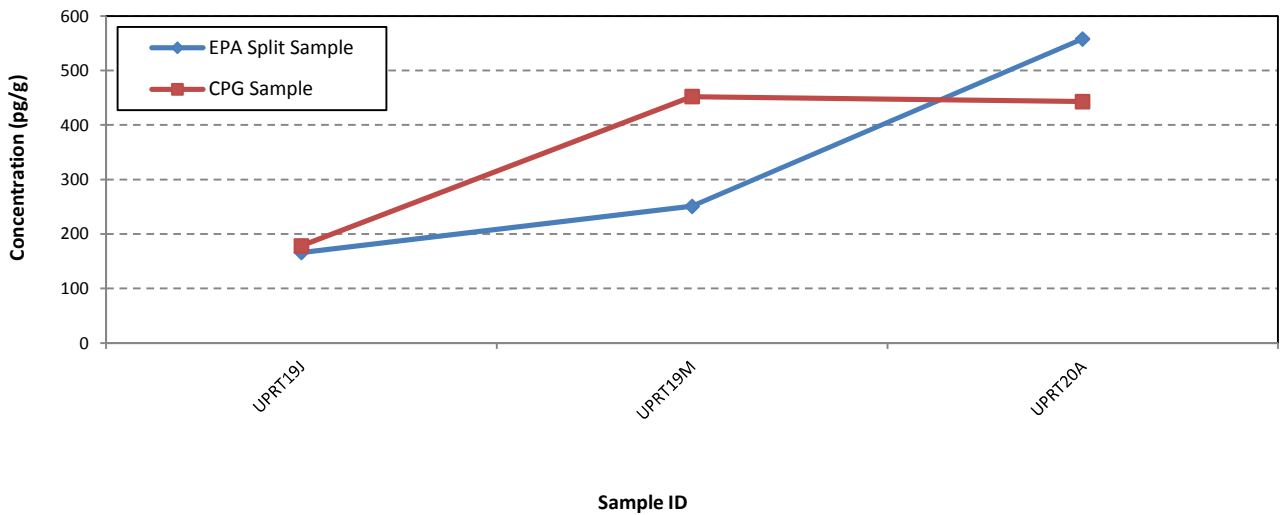


Figure 18b: Bivariate Plot of 2,3,3',4,4'-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 105) Concentrations

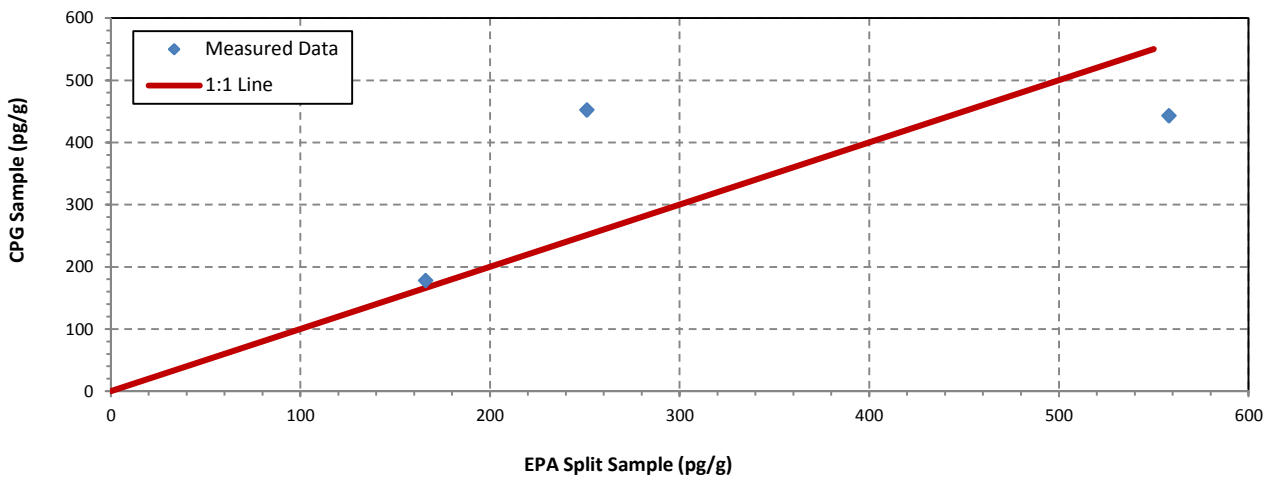
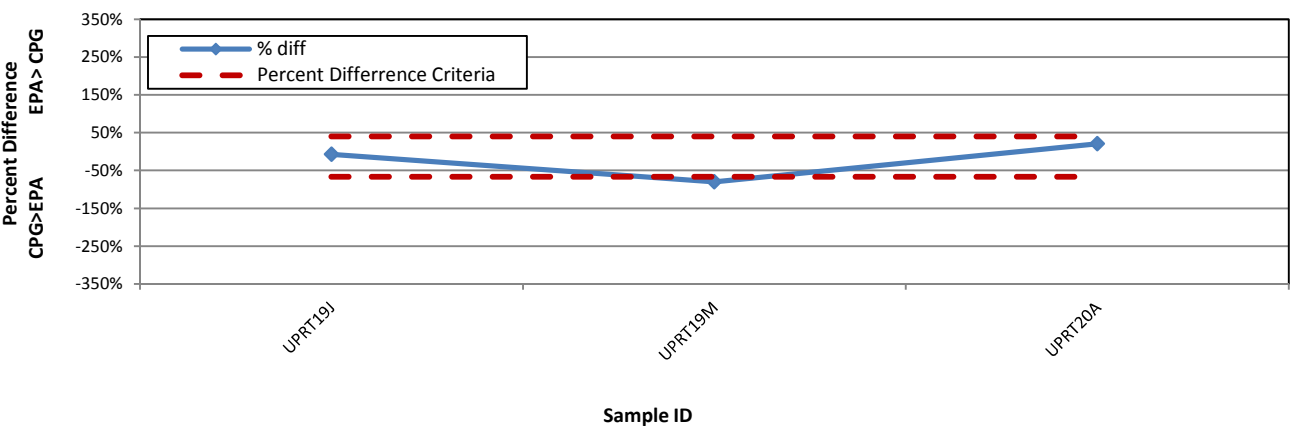


Figure 18c: Line Plot of 2,3,3',4,4'-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 105) Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations



Statistical Plot of Sediment 2,3,3',4,4'-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 105) Concentrations

Figure 18

PCB = polychlorinated biphenyl

Figure 19a: Line Plot of 2,3,4,4',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 114) Concentrations

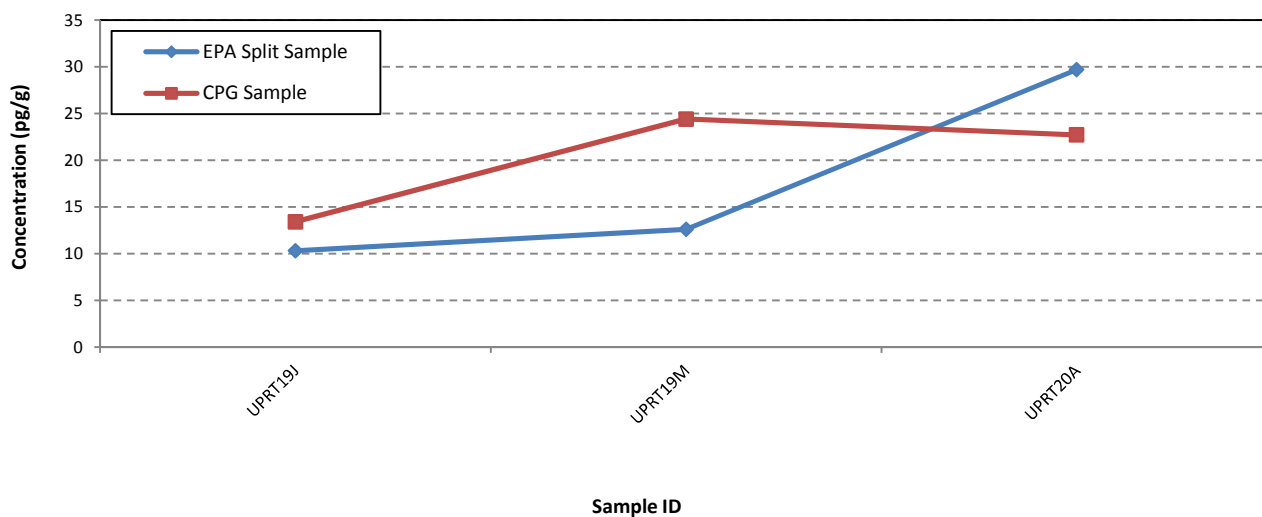


Figure 19b: Bivariate Plot of 2,3,4,4',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 114) Concentrations

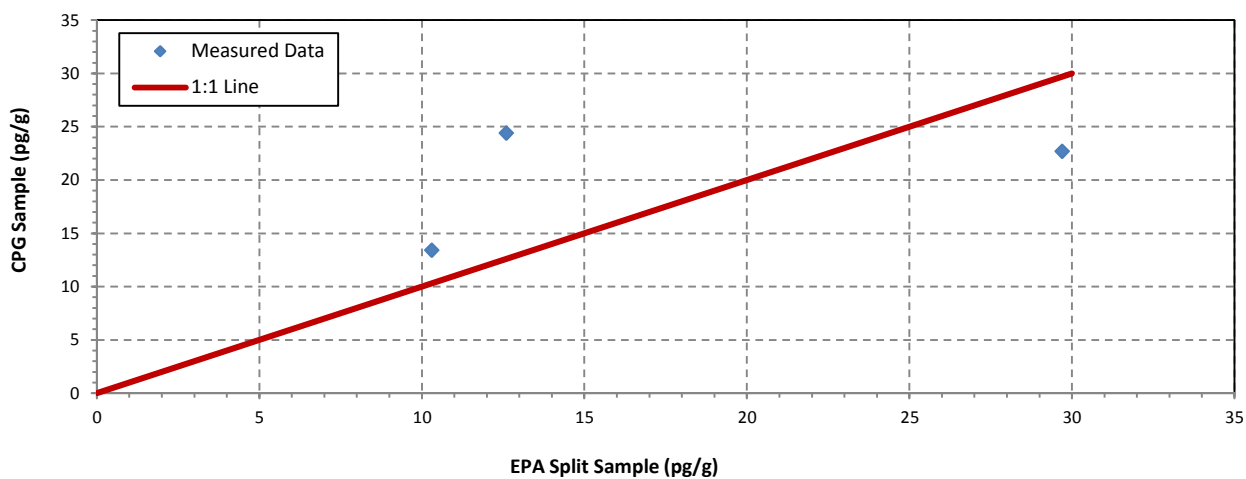
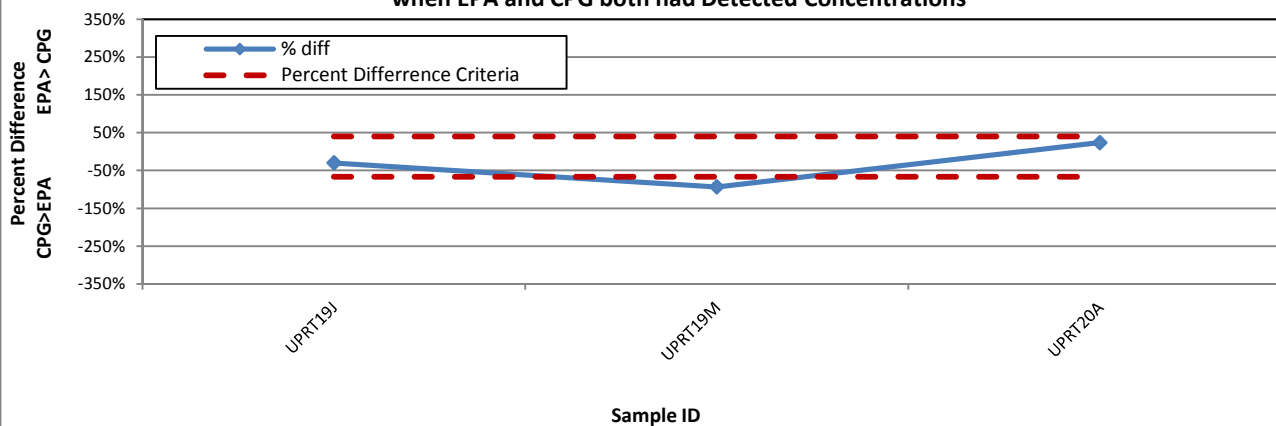


Figure 19c: Line Plot of 2,3,4,4',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 114) Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations



Statistical Plot of Sediment 2,3,4,4',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 114) Concentrations

Figure 19

PCB = polychlorinated biphenyl

Figure 20a: Line Plot of 2,3',4,4',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 118) Concentrations

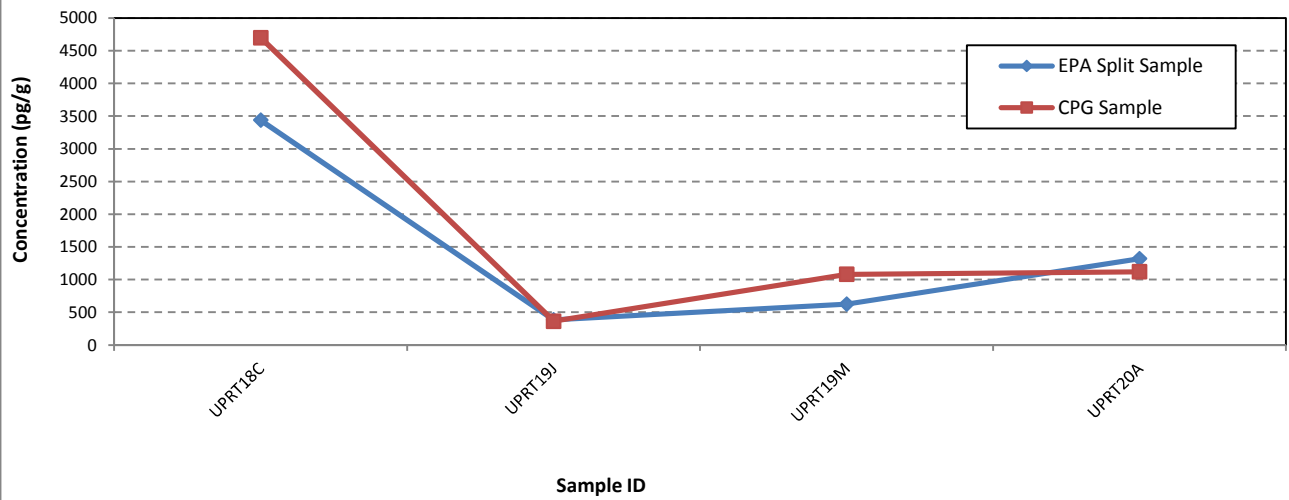


Figure 20b: Bivariate Plot of 2,3',4,4',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 118) Concentrations

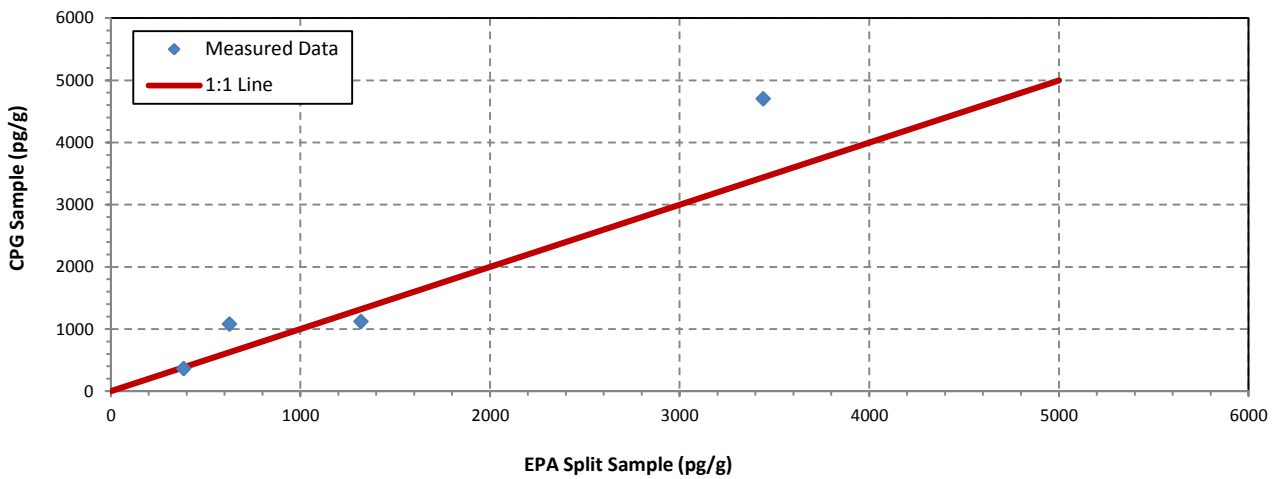
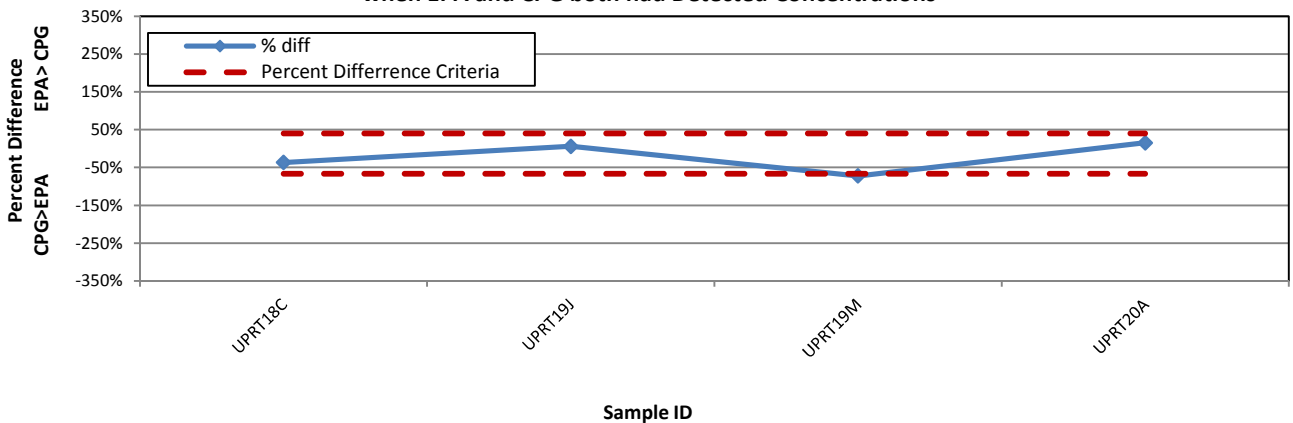


Figure 20c: Line Plot of 2,3',4,4',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 118) Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations



Statistical Plot of Sediment 2,3',4,4',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 118) Concentrations

Figure 20

PCB = polychlorinated biphenyl

Figure 21a: Line Plot of 2',3,4,4',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 123) Concentrations

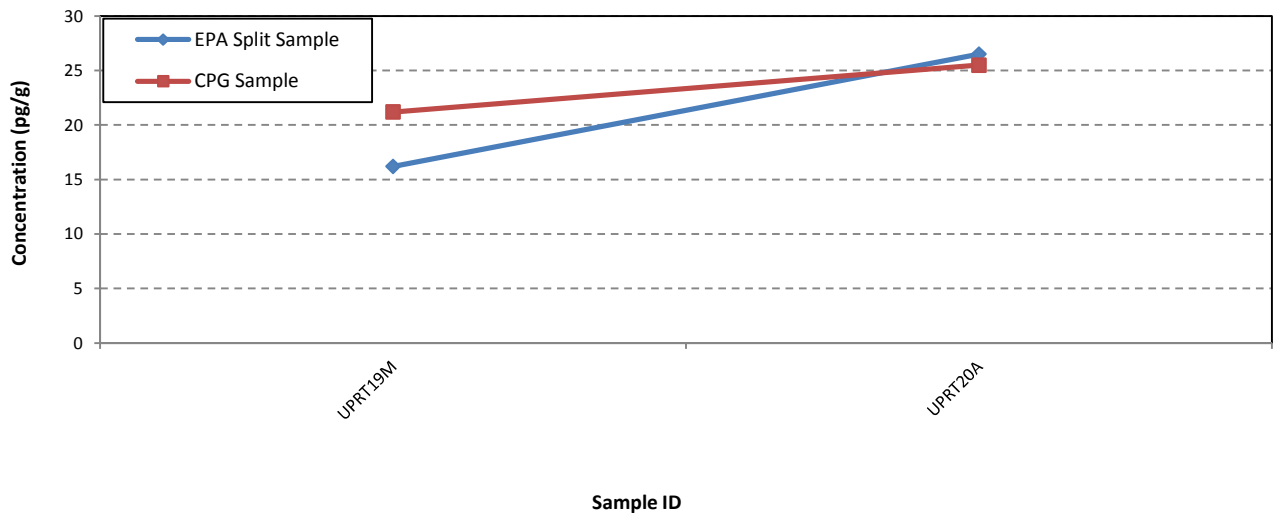


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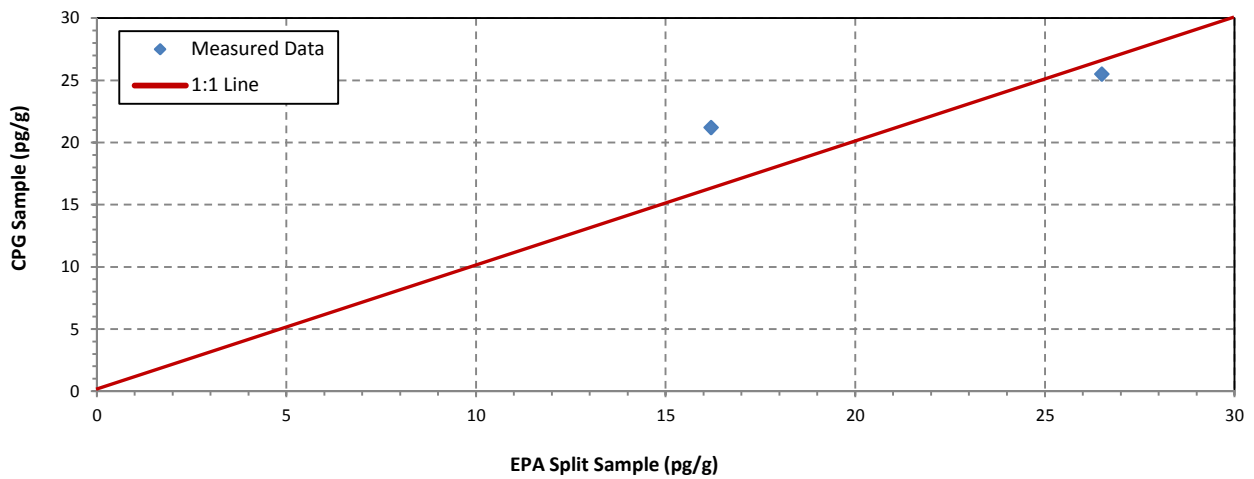
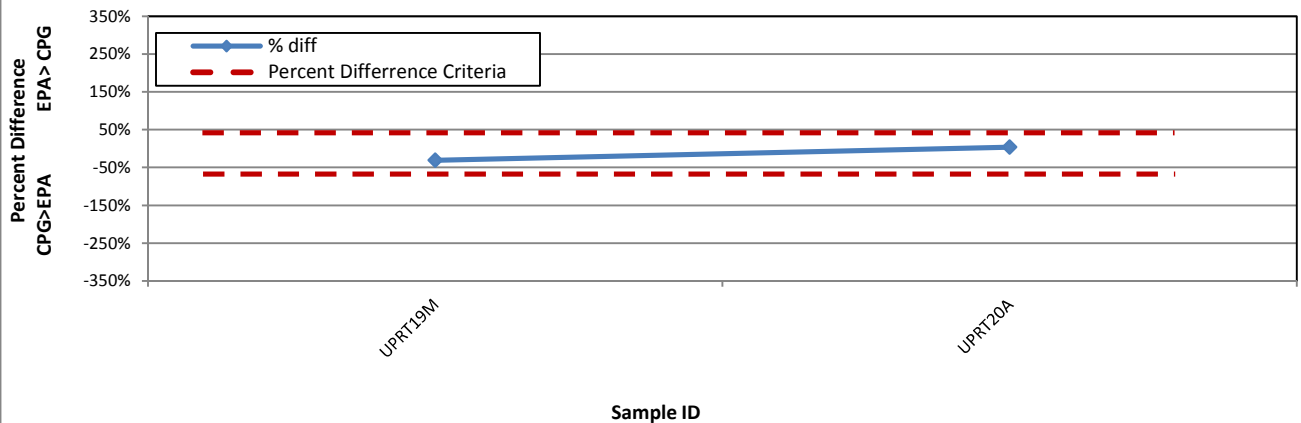


Figure 21c: Line Plot of 2',3,4,4',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 123) Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations



Statistical Plot of Sediment 2,3',4,4',5'-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 123) Concentrations

Figure 21

PCB = polychlorinated biphenyl

Figure 22a: Line Plot of 3,3',4,4',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 126) Concentrations

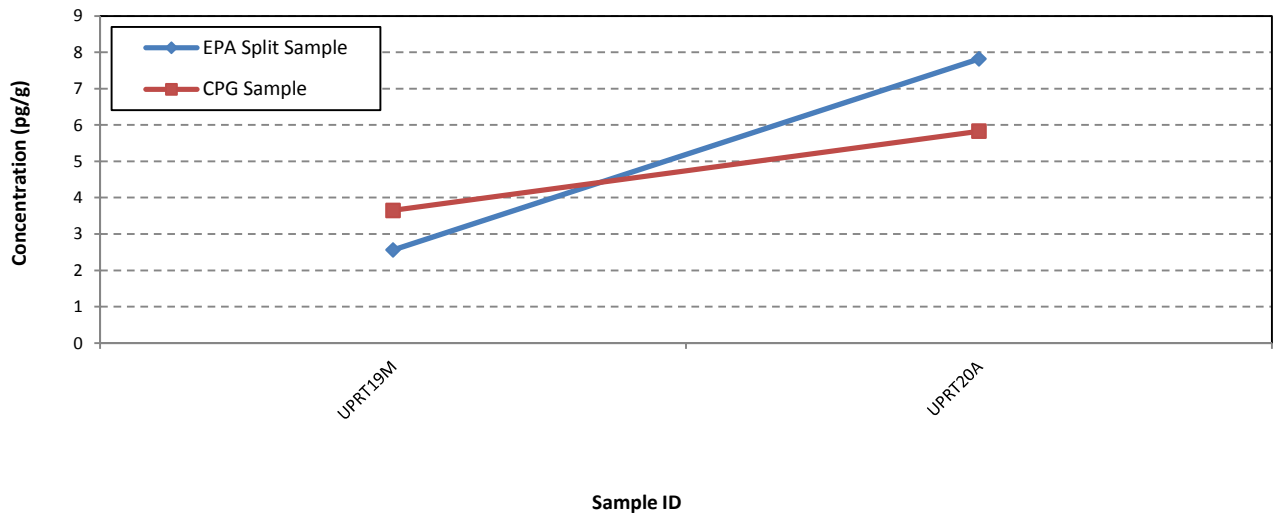


Figure 22b: Bivariate Plot of 3,3',4,4',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 126) Concentrations

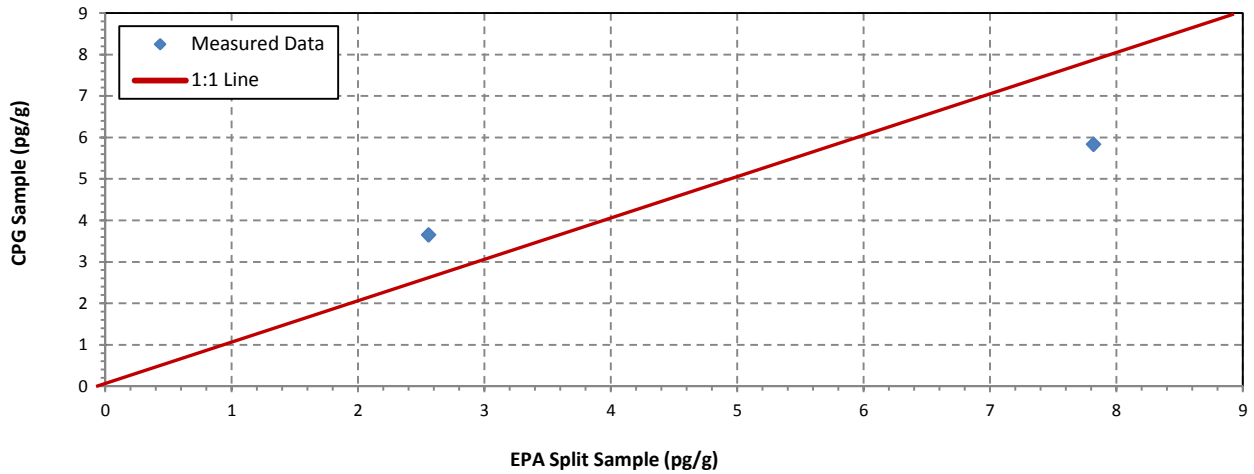
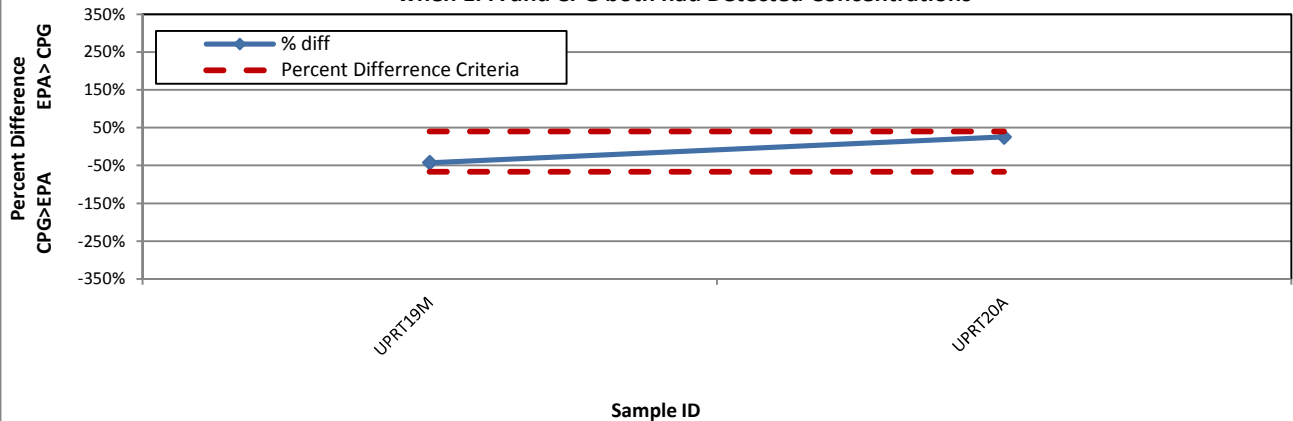


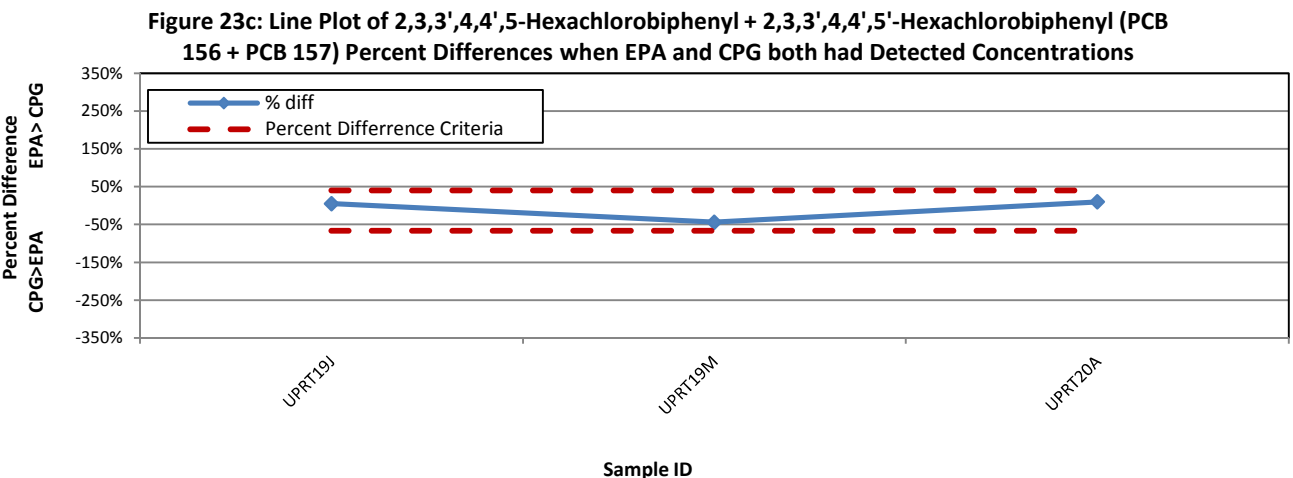
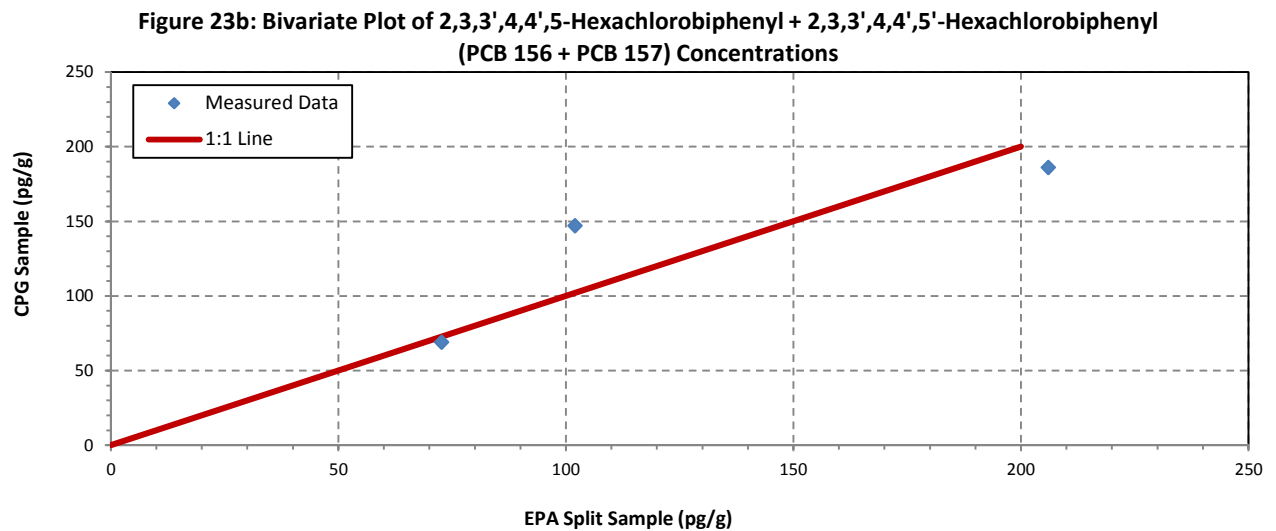
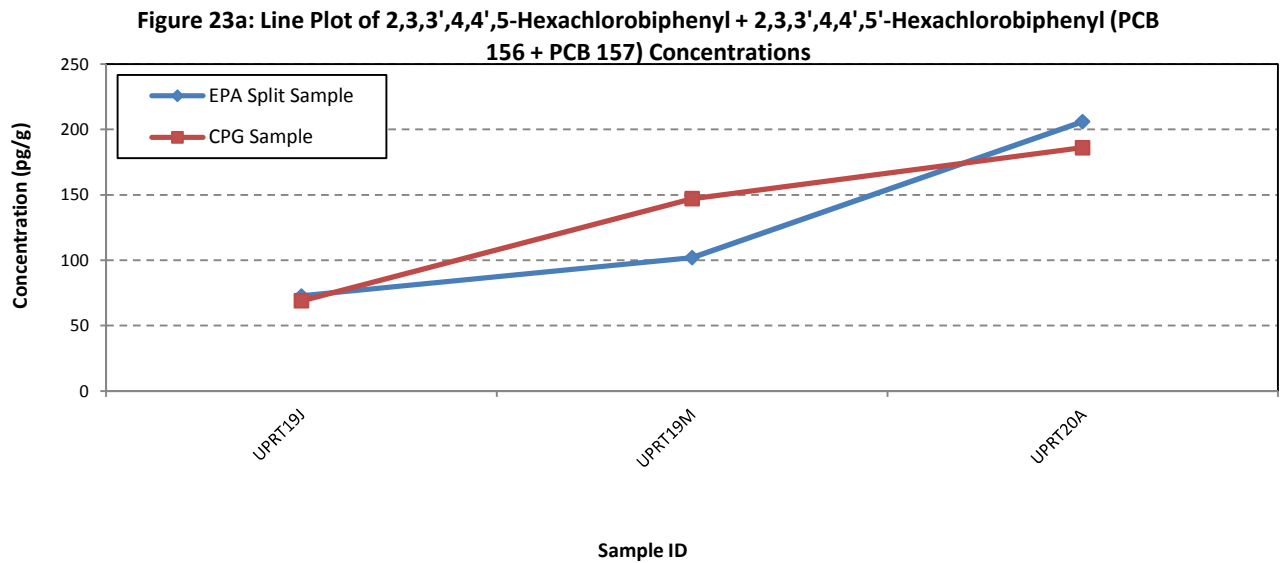
Figure 22c: Line Plot of 3,3',4,4',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 126) Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations



Statistical Plot of Sediment 3,3',4,4',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 126) Concentrations

Figure 22

PCB = polychlorinated biphenyl



Statistical Plot of Sediment 2,3,3',4,4',5-Hexachlorobiphenyl + 2,3,3',4,4',5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl (PCB 156 + PCB 157) Concentrations

Figure 23

PCB = polychlorinated biphenyl

Figure 24a: Line Plot of 2,3',4,4',5,5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl (PCB 167) Concentrations

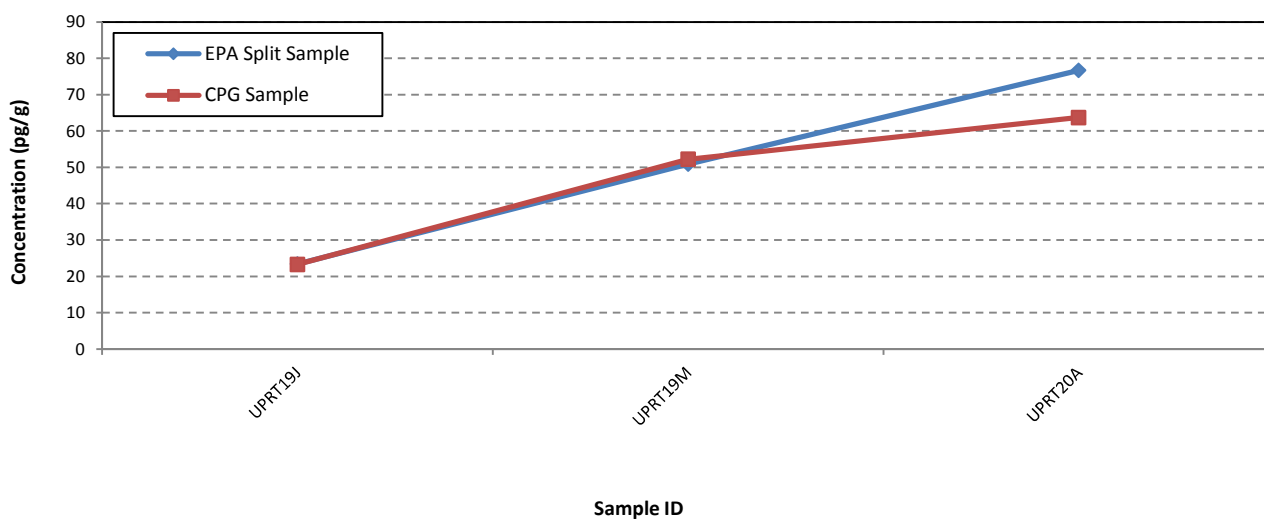


Figure 24b: Bivariate Plot of 2,3',4,4',5,5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl (PCB 167) Concentrations

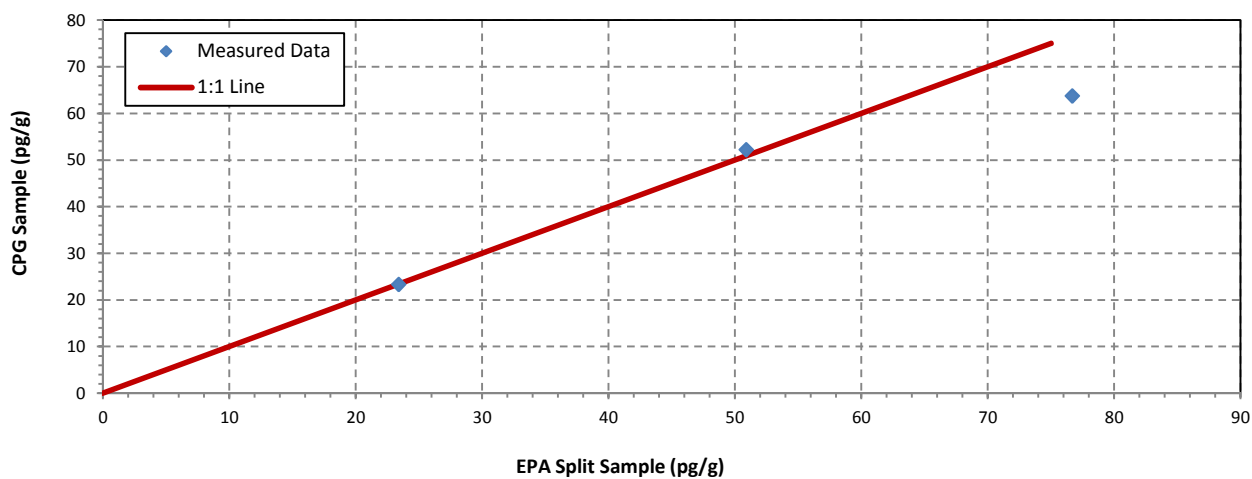
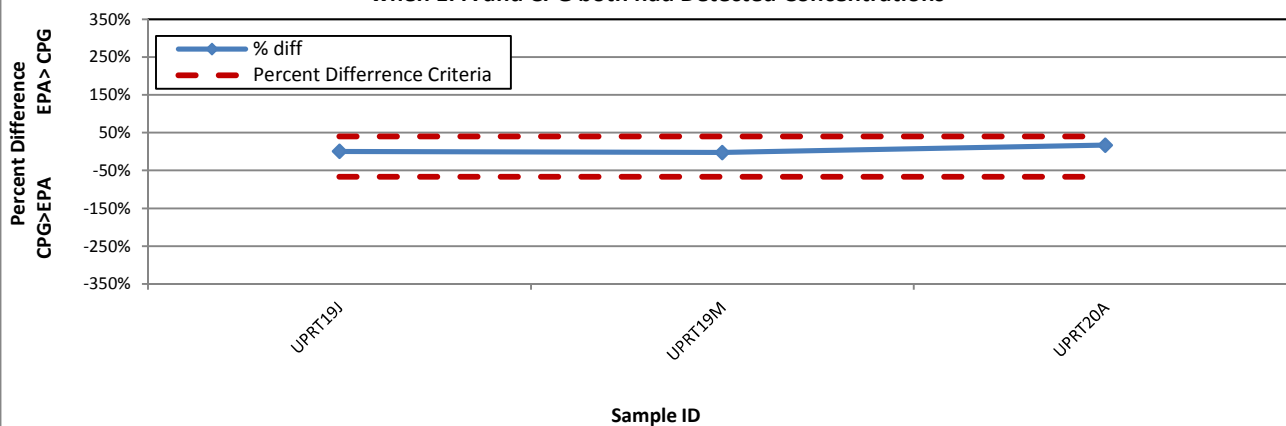


Figure 24c: Line Plot of 2,3',4,4',5,5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl (PCB 167) Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations



Statistical Plot of Sediment 2,3',4,4',5,5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl (PCB 167) Concentrations

Figure 24

PCB = polychlorinated biphenyl

No comparison possible because none of the sample locations had detected concentrations on both USEPA and CPG samples

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Statistical Plot of Sediment 3,3',4,4',5,5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl (PCB 169) Concentrations

Figure 25

PCB = polychlorinated biphenyl

Figure 26a: Line Plot of 2,3,3',4,4',5,5'-Heptachlorobiphenyl (PCB 189) Concentrations

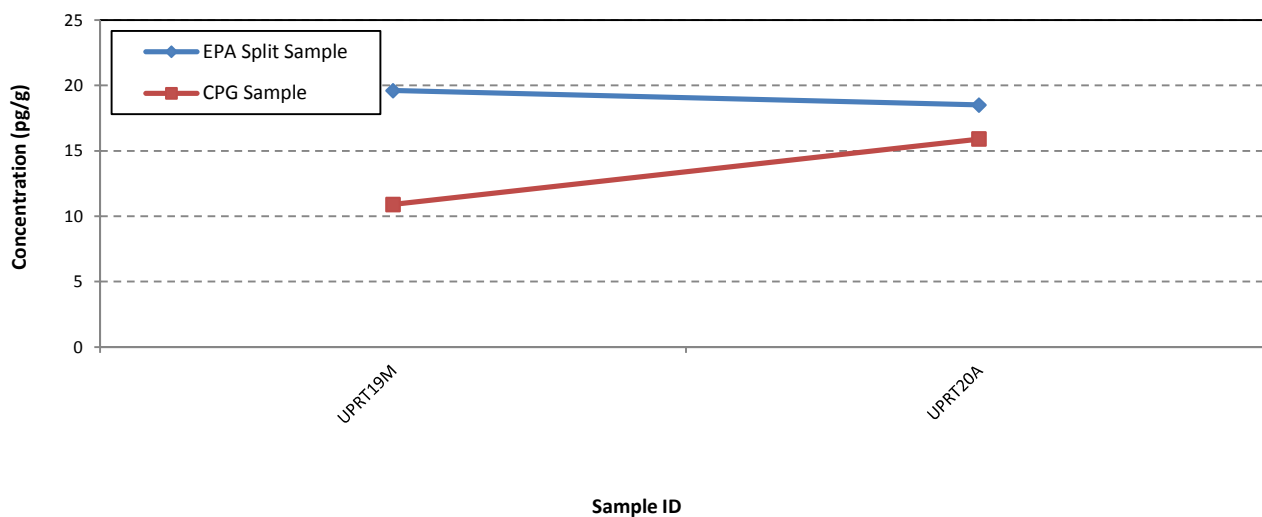


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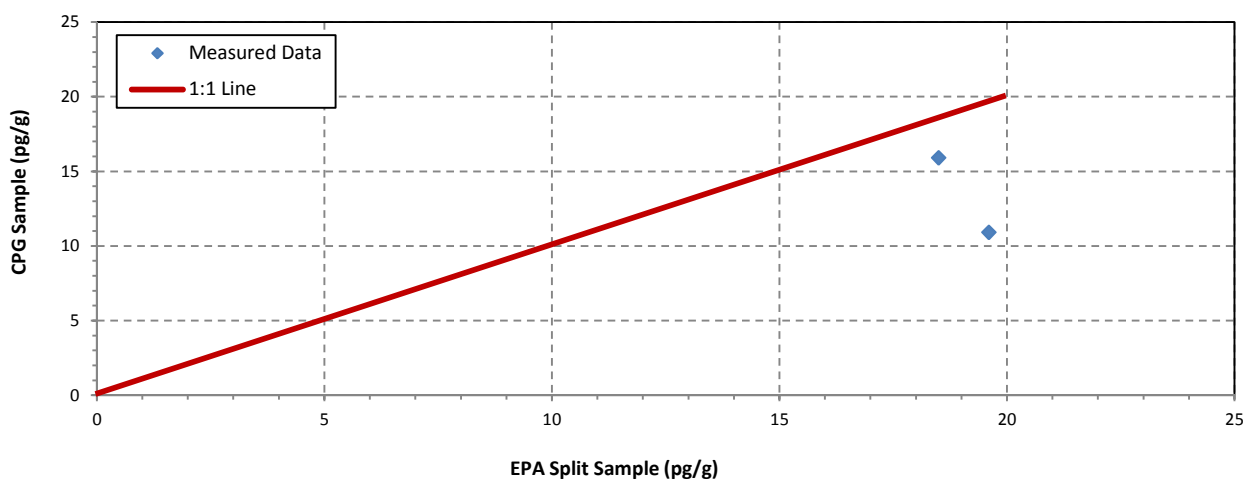
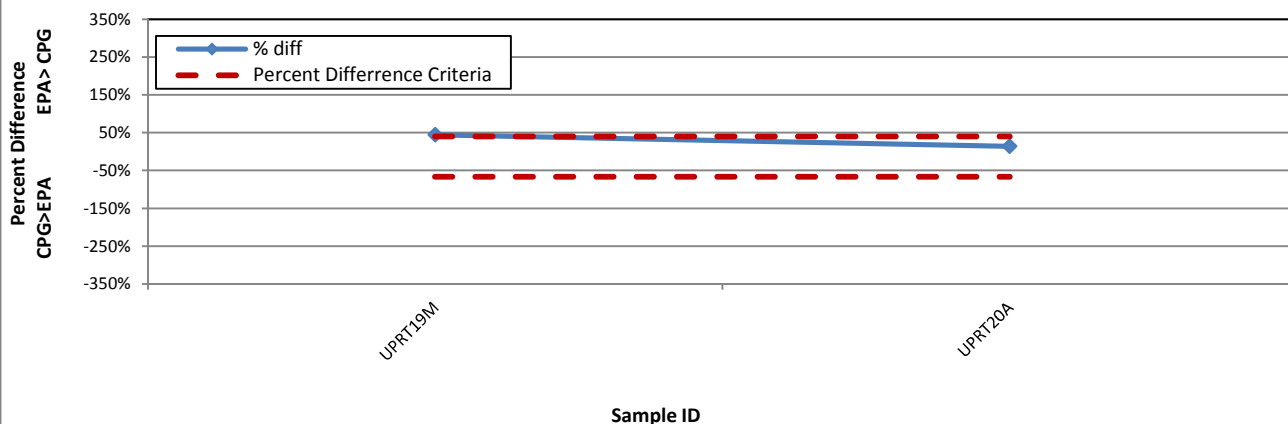


Figure 26c: Line Plot of 2,3,3',4,4',5,5'-Heptachlorobiphenyl (PCB 189) Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations



Statistical Plot of Sediment 2,3,3',4,4',5,5'-Heptachlorobiphenyl (PCB 189) Concentrations

Figure 26

PCB = polychlorinated biphenyl

Figure 27a: Line Plot of Total PCB Concentrations

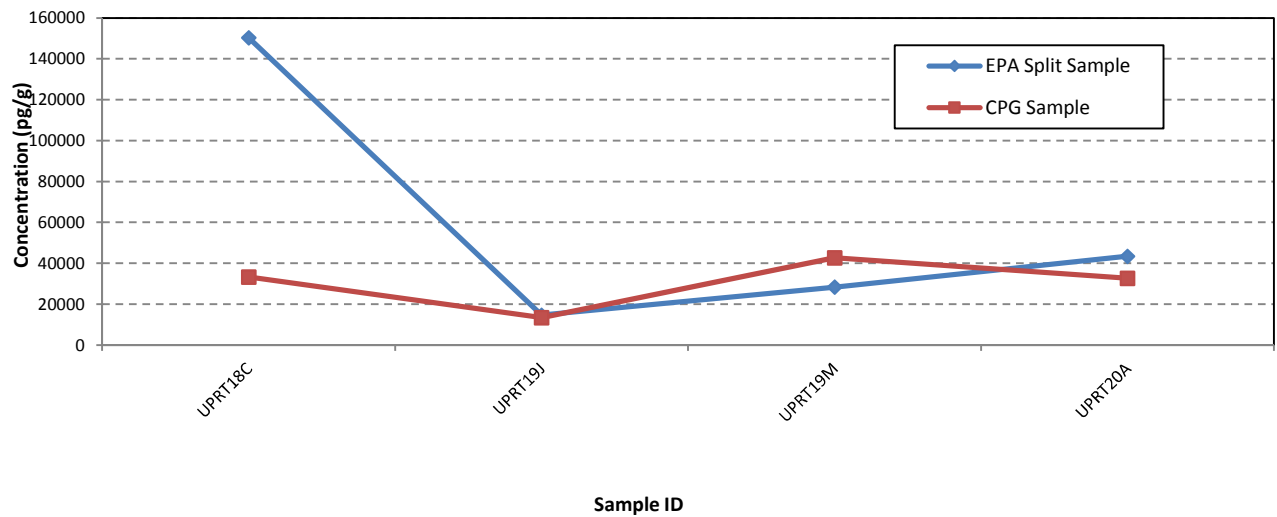


Figure 27b: Bivariate Plot of Total PCB Concentrations

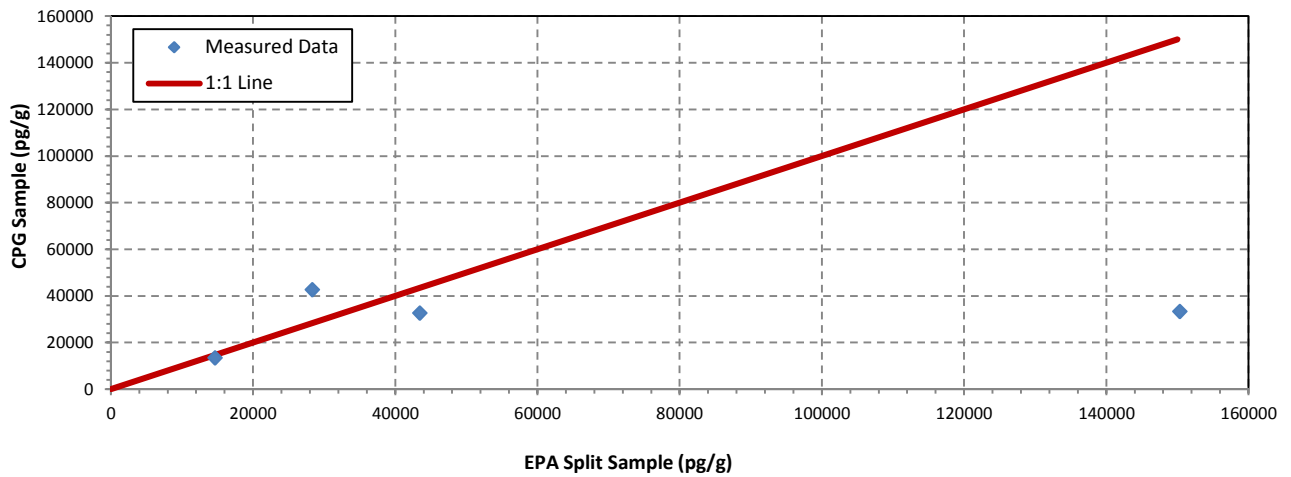


Figure 27c: Line Plot of Total PCB Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations

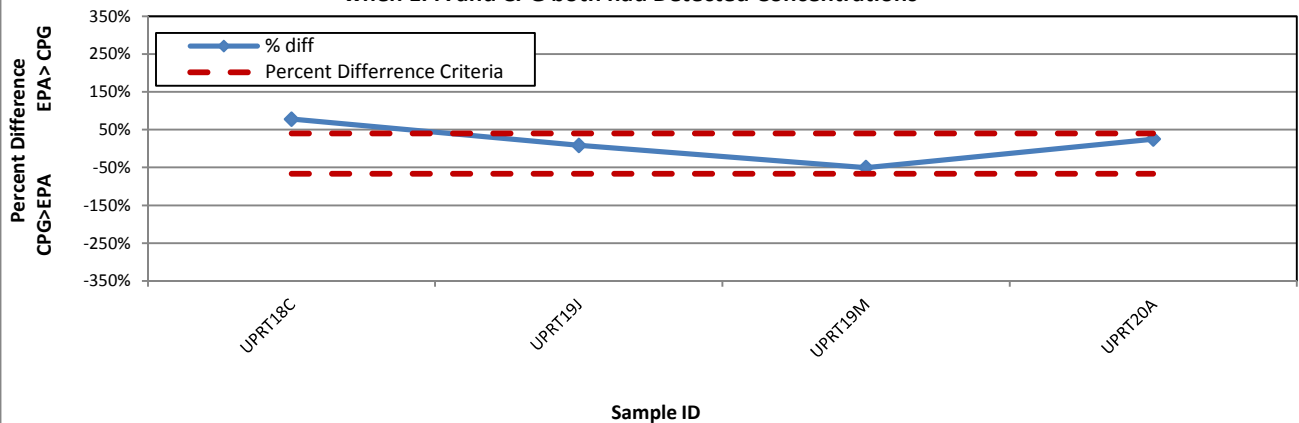


Figure 28a: Line Plot of Anthracene Concentrations

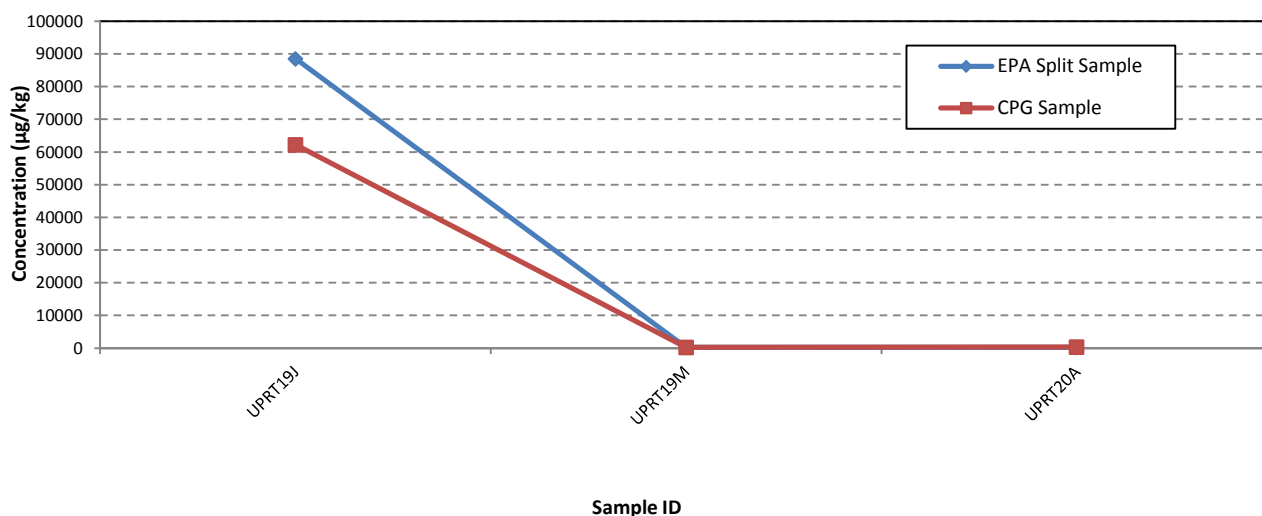


Figure 28b: Bivariate Plot of Anthracene Concentrations

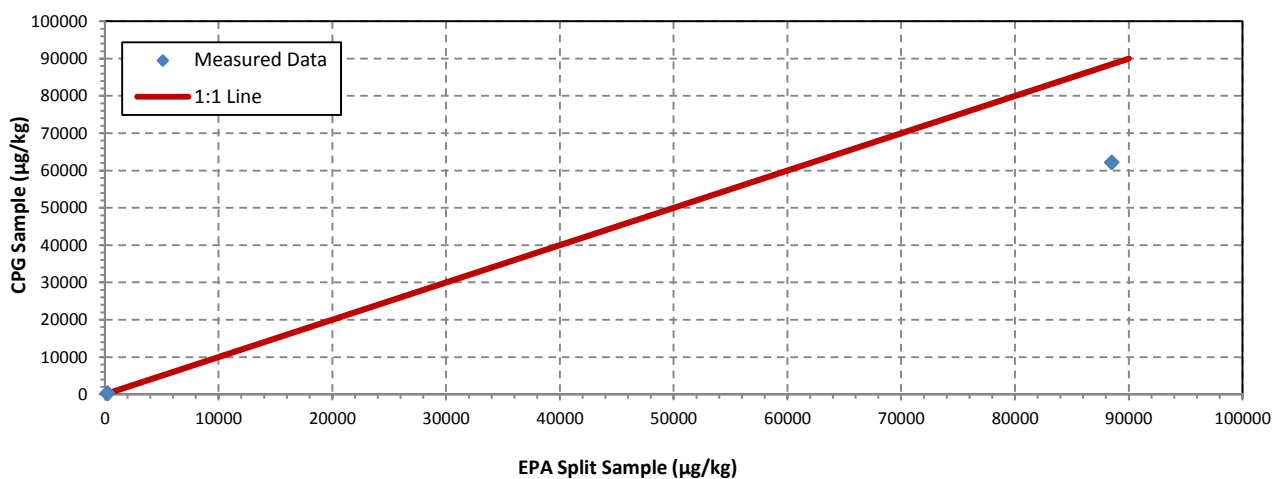


Figure 28c: Line Plot of Anthracene Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations

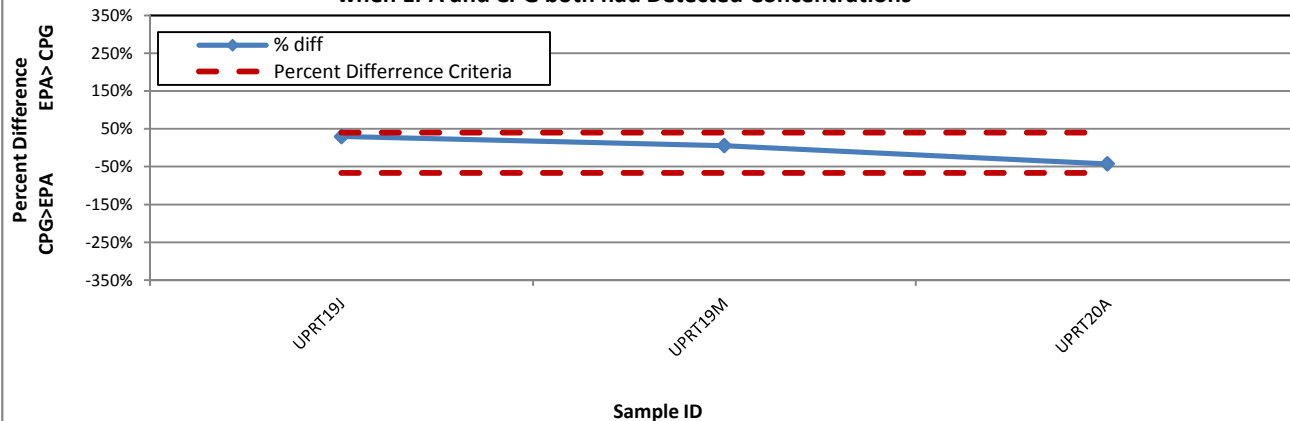


Figure 29a: Line Plot of Benzo[a]anthracene Concentrations

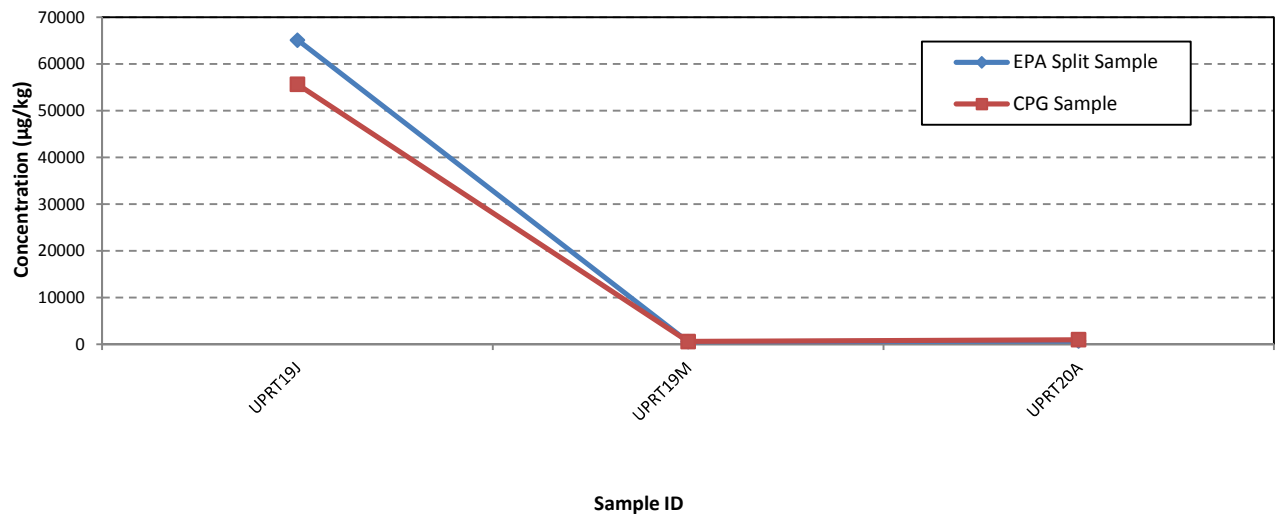


Figure 29b: Bivariate Plot of Benz[a]anthracene Concentrations

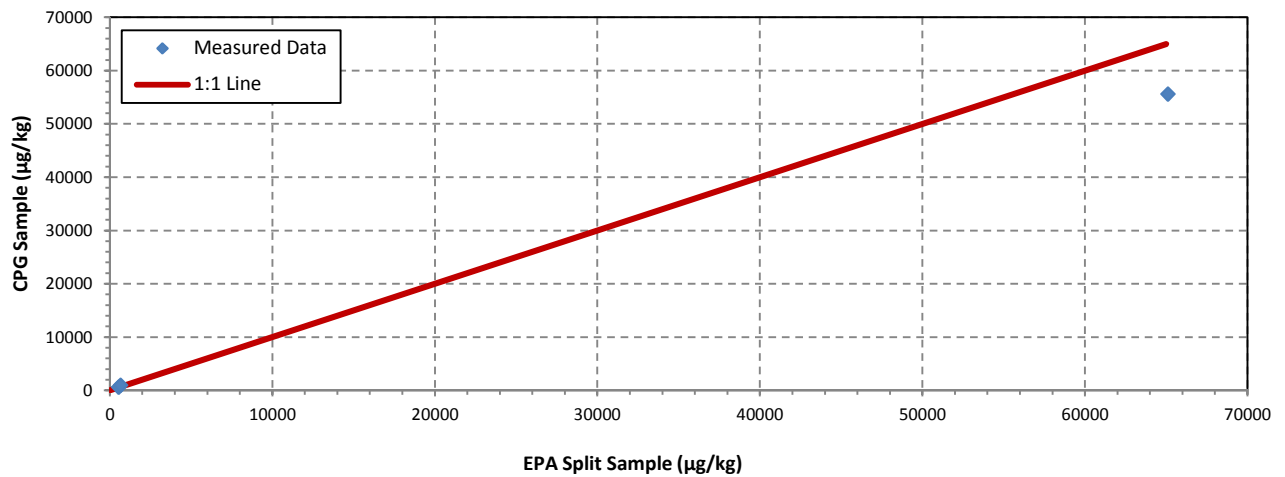


Figure 29c: Line Plot of Benz[a]anthracene Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations

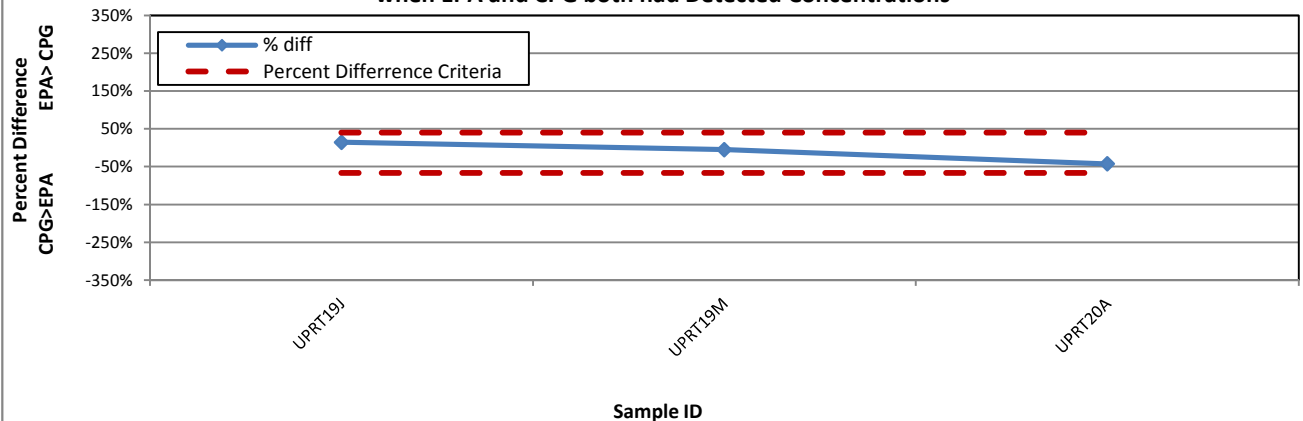


Figure 30a: Line Plot of Benzo[a]pyrene Concentrations

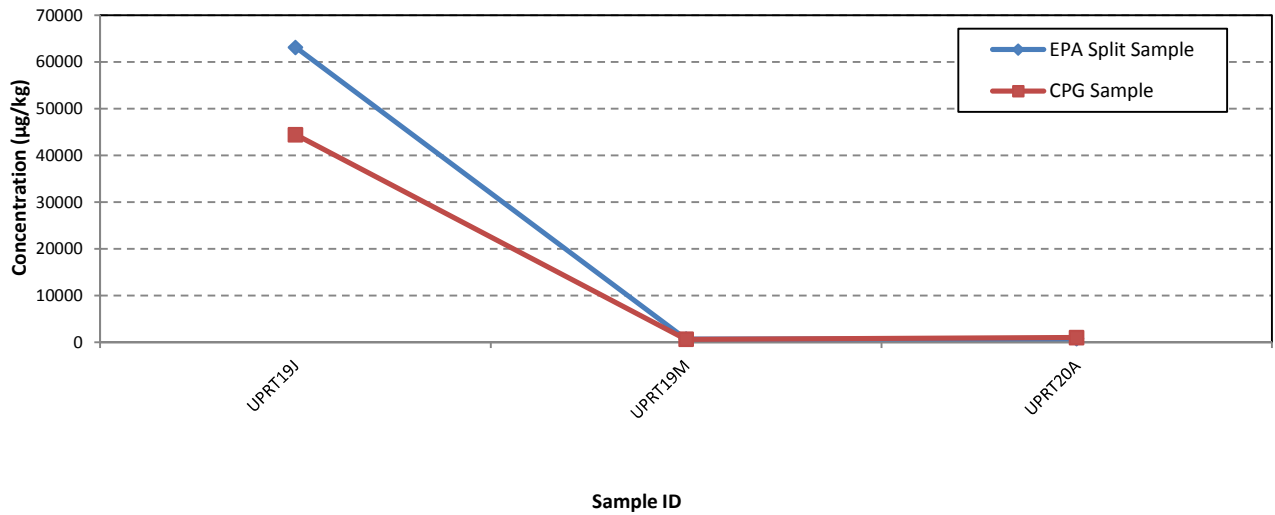


Figure 30b: Bivariate Plot of Benzo[a]pyrene Concentrations

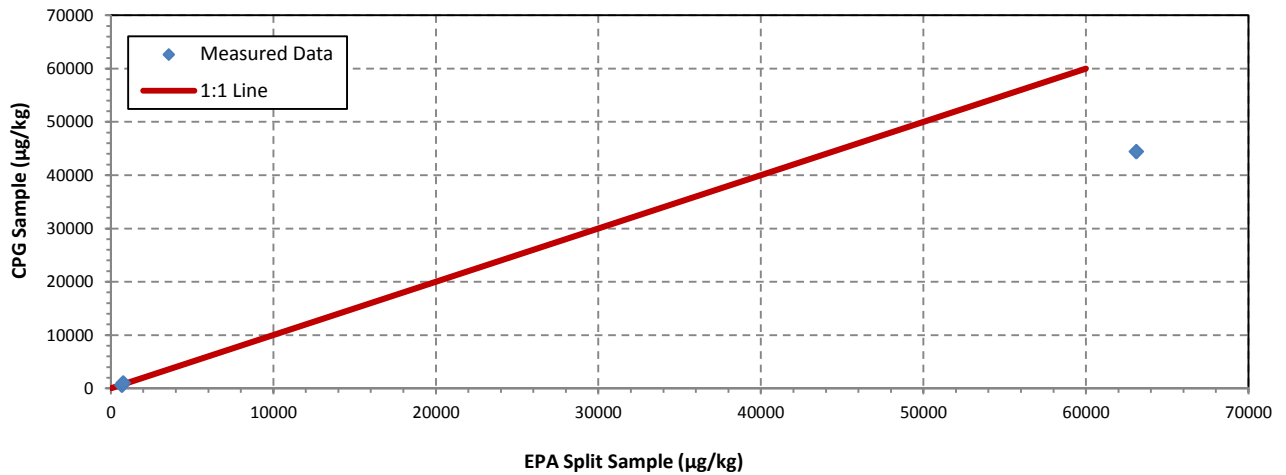
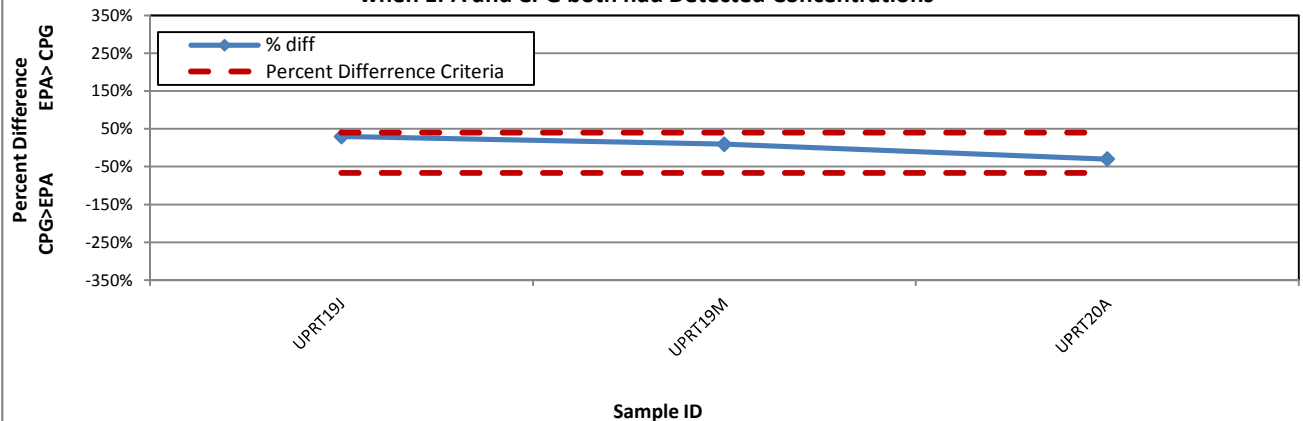


Figure 30c: Line Plot of Benzo[a]pyrene Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations



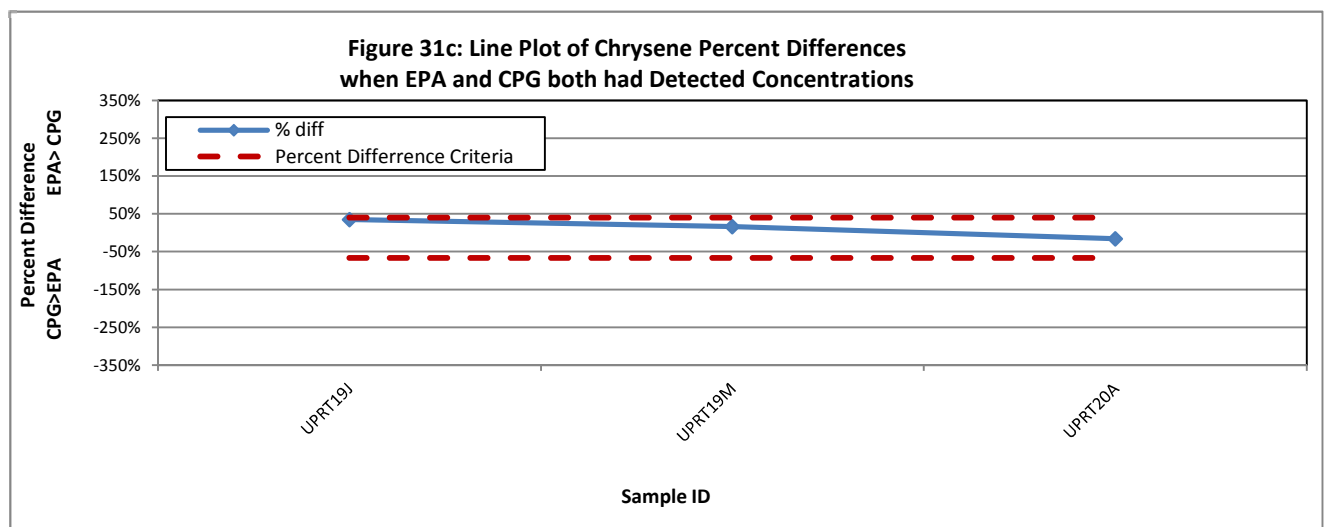
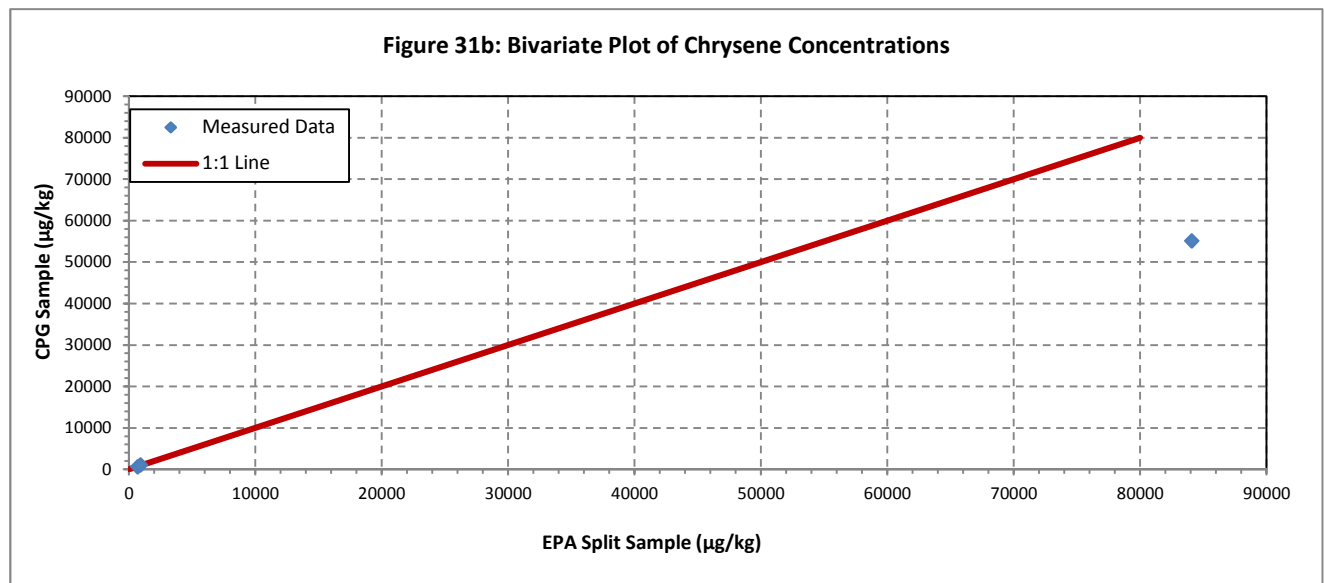
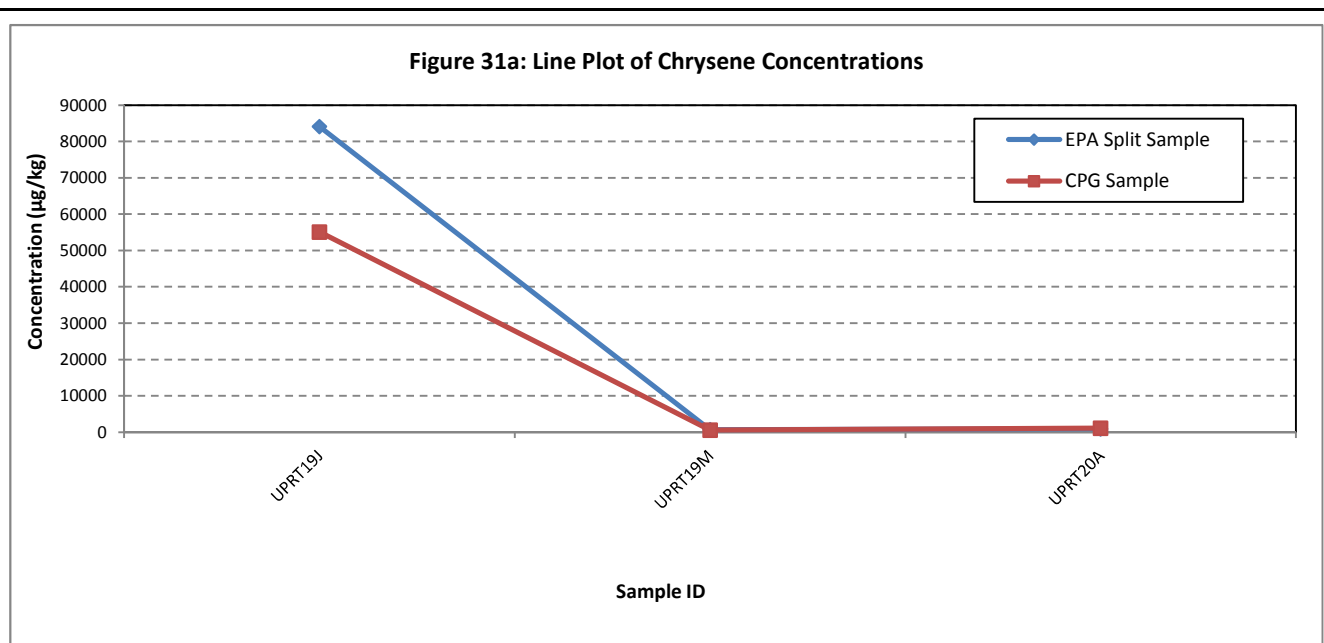


Figure 32a: Line Plot of Fluoranthene Concentrations

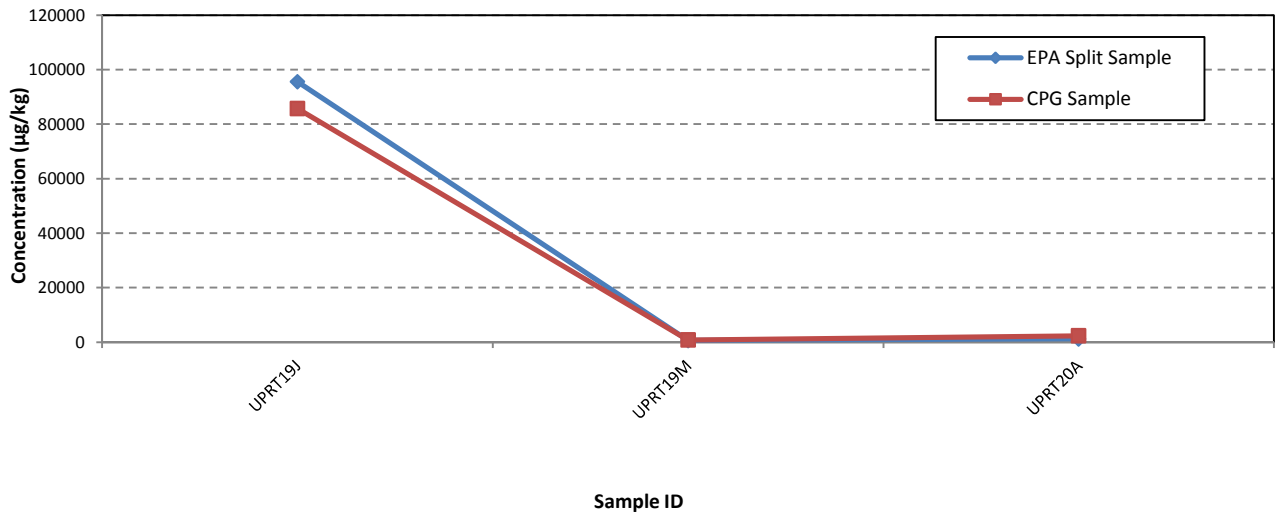


Figure 32b: Bivariate Plot of Fluoranthene Concentrations

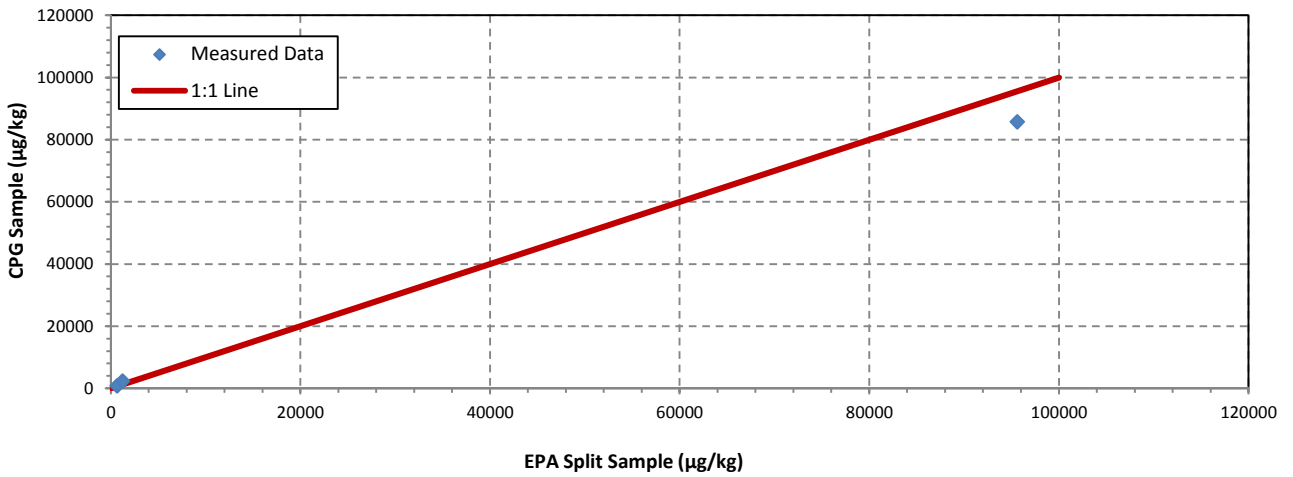


Figure 32c: Line Plot of Fluoranthene Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations

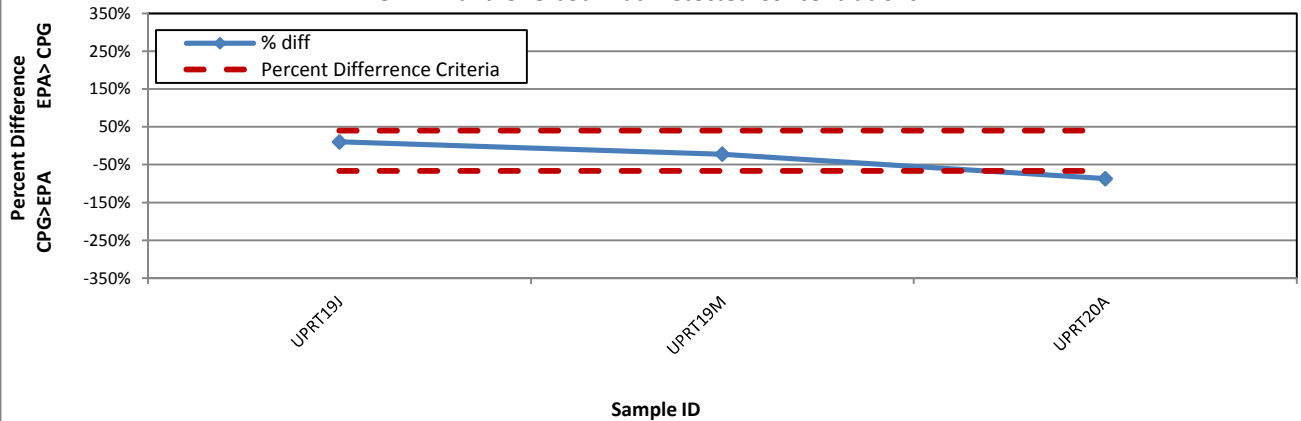


Figure 33a: Line Plot of Indeno[1,2,3-cd]pyrene Concentrations

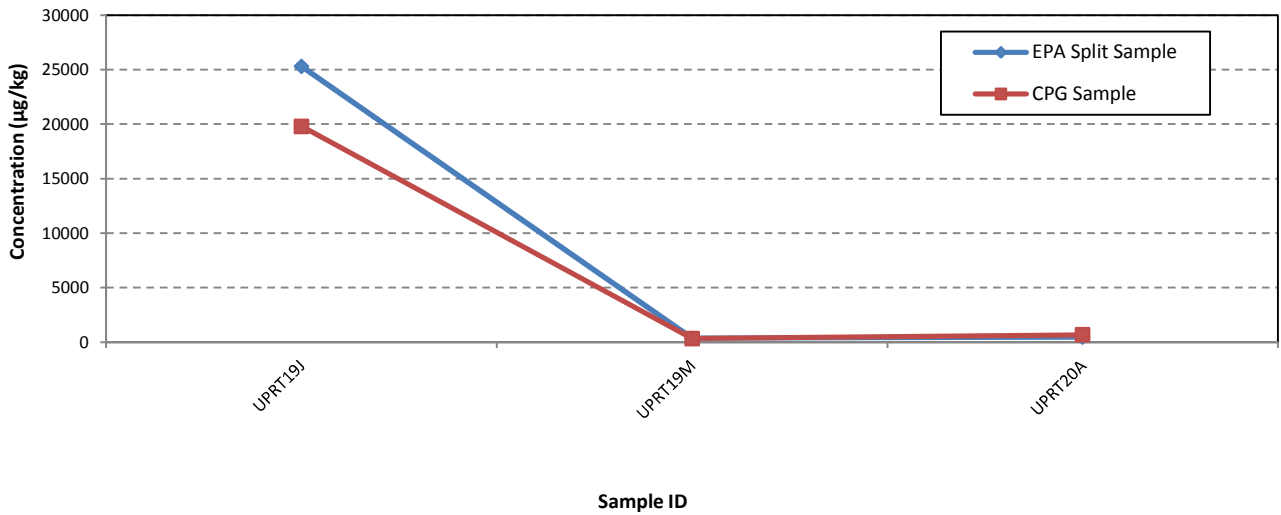


Figure 33b: Bivariate Plot of Indeno[1,2,3-cd]pyrene Concentrations

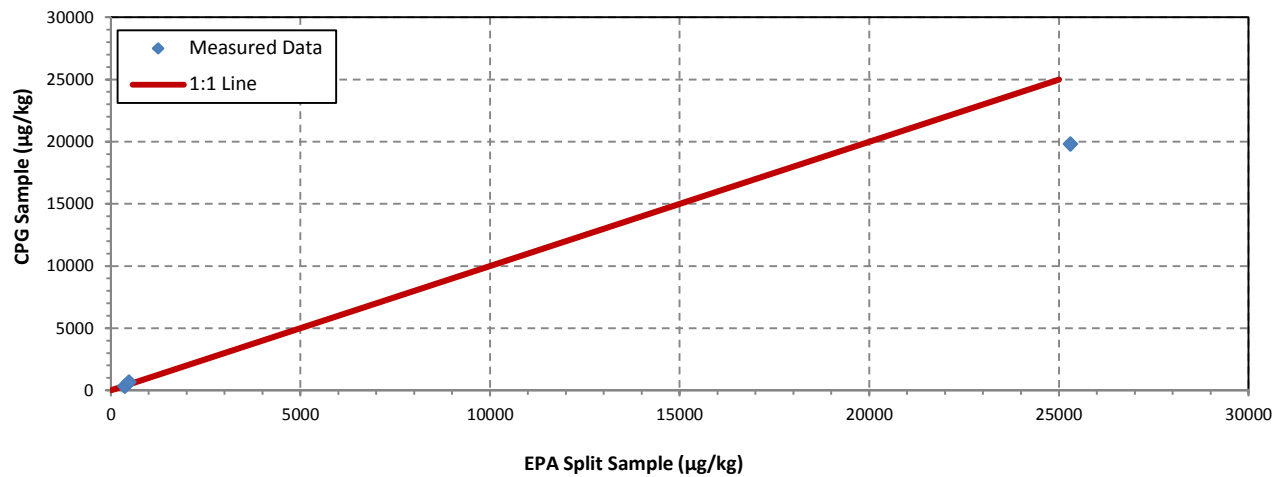


Figure 33c: Line Plot of Indeno[1,2,3-cd]pyrene Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations

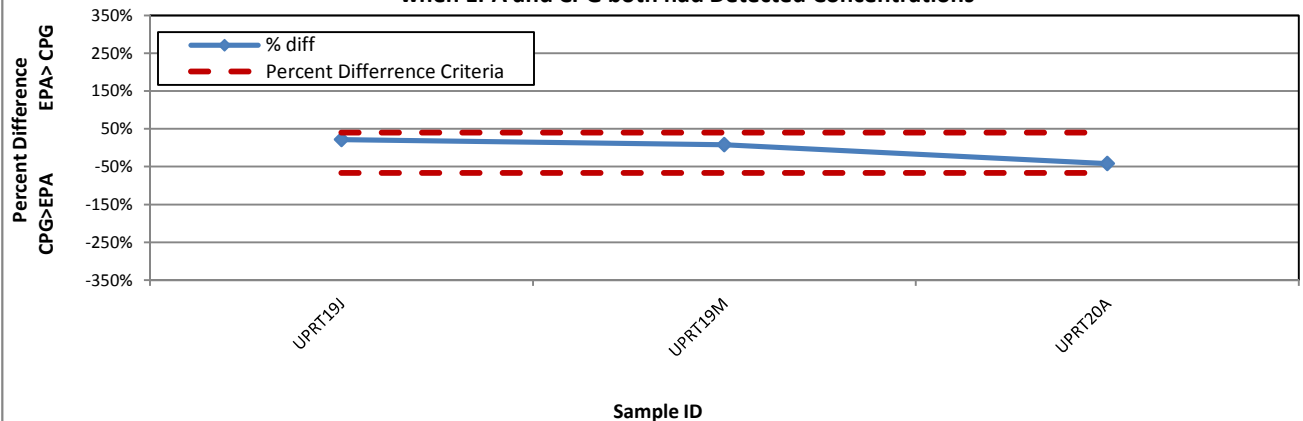


Figure 34a: Line Plot of Naphthalene Concentrations

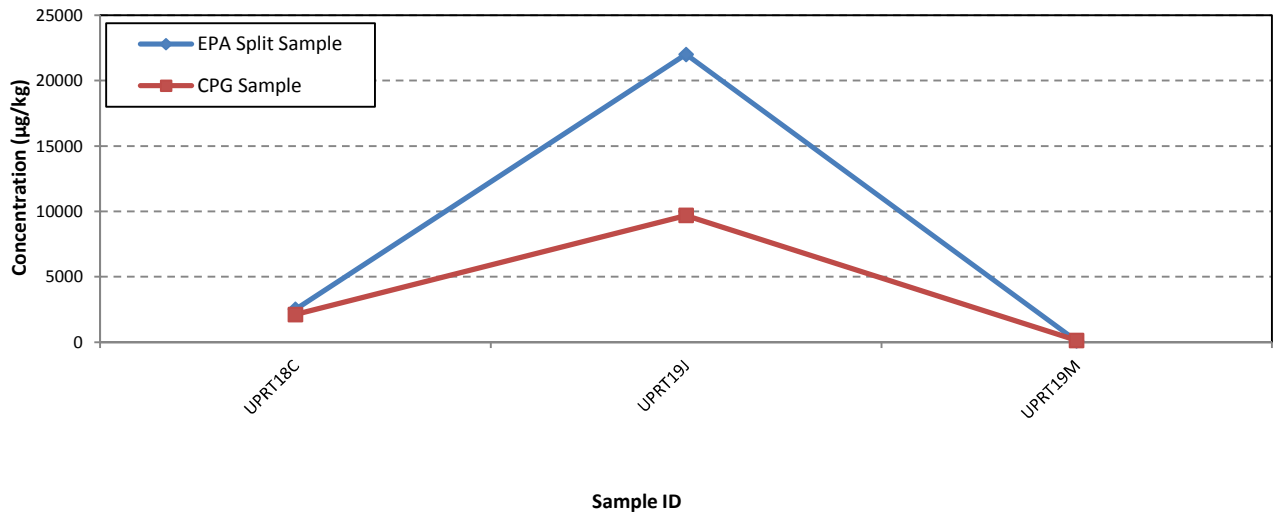


Figure 34b: Bivariate Plot of Naphthalene Concentrations

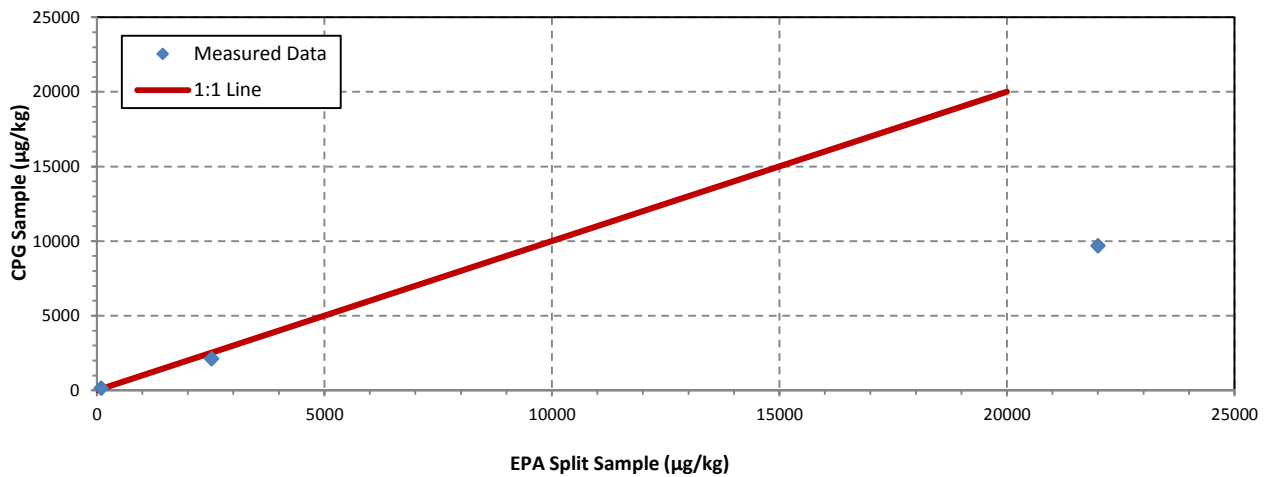


Figure 34c: Line Plot of Naphthalene Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations

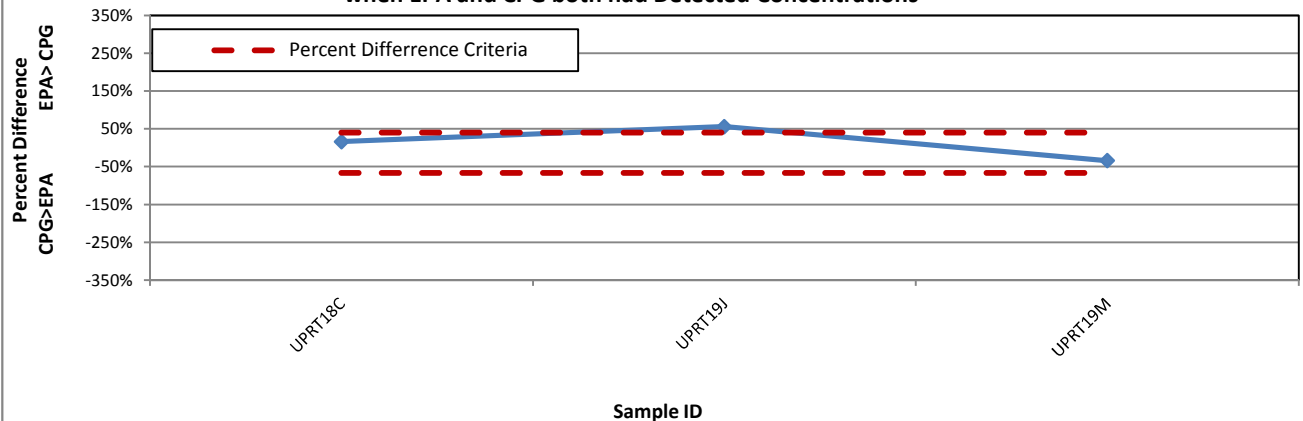


Figure 35a: Line Plot of Phenanthrene Concentrations

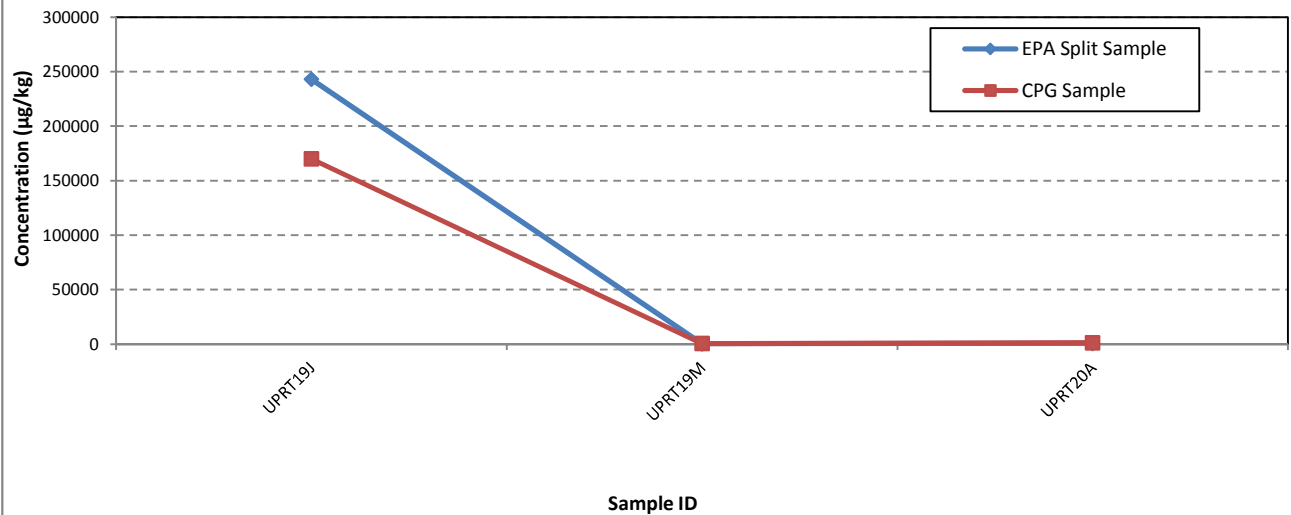


Figure 35b: Bivariate Plot of Phenanthrene Concentrations

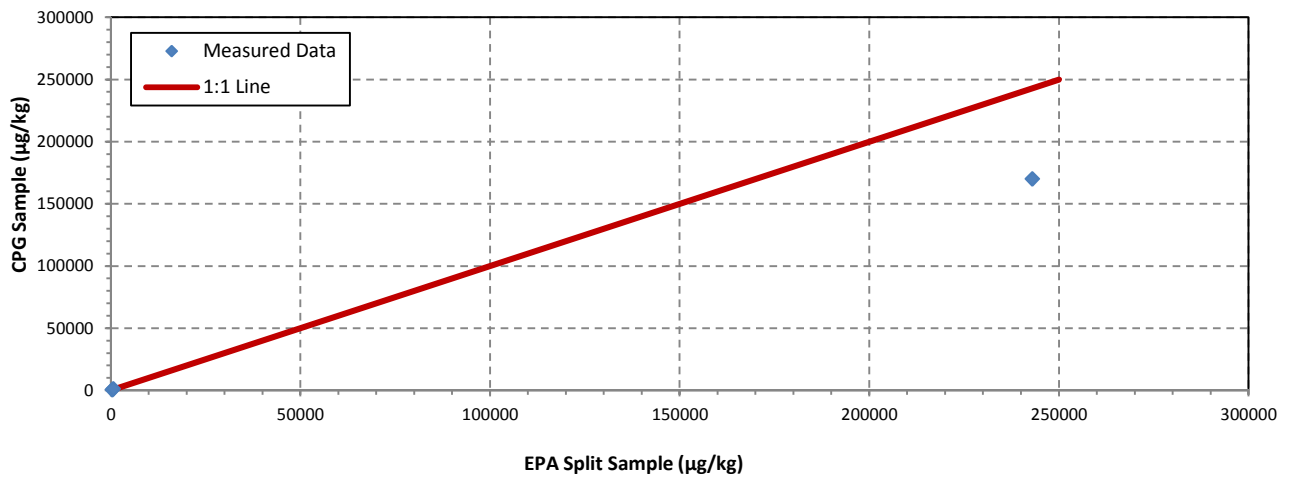


Figure 35c: Line Plot of Phenanthrene Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations

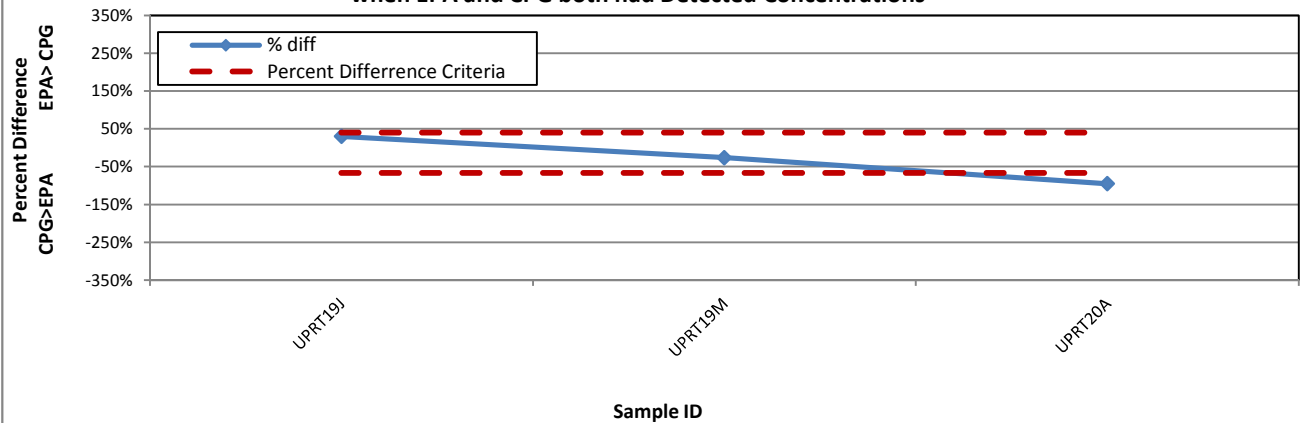


Figure 36a: Line Plot of Pyrene Concentrations

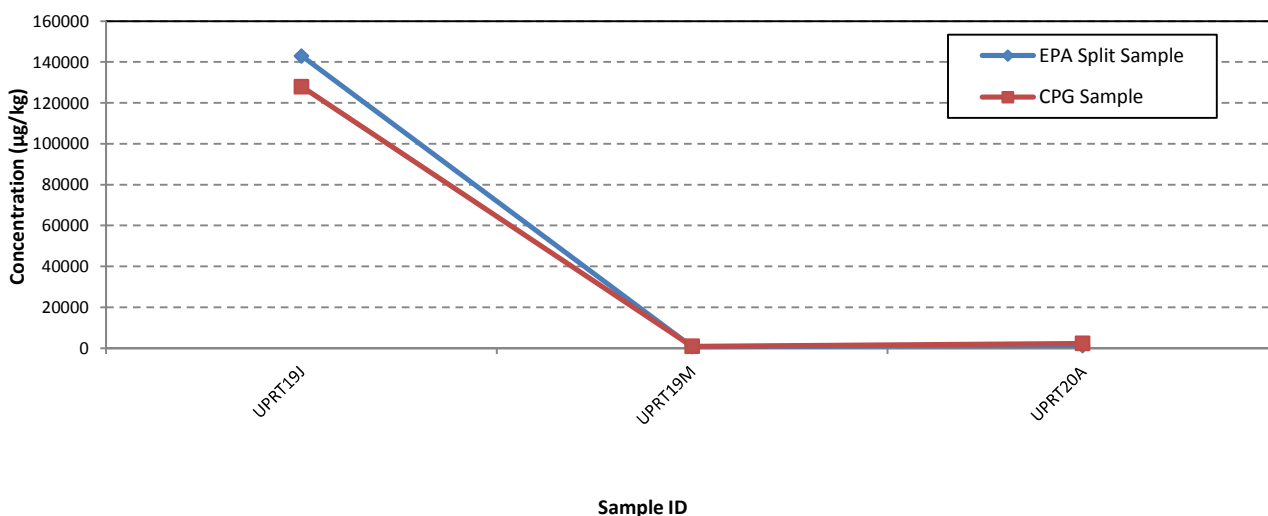


Figure 36b: Bivariate Plot of Pyrene Concentrations

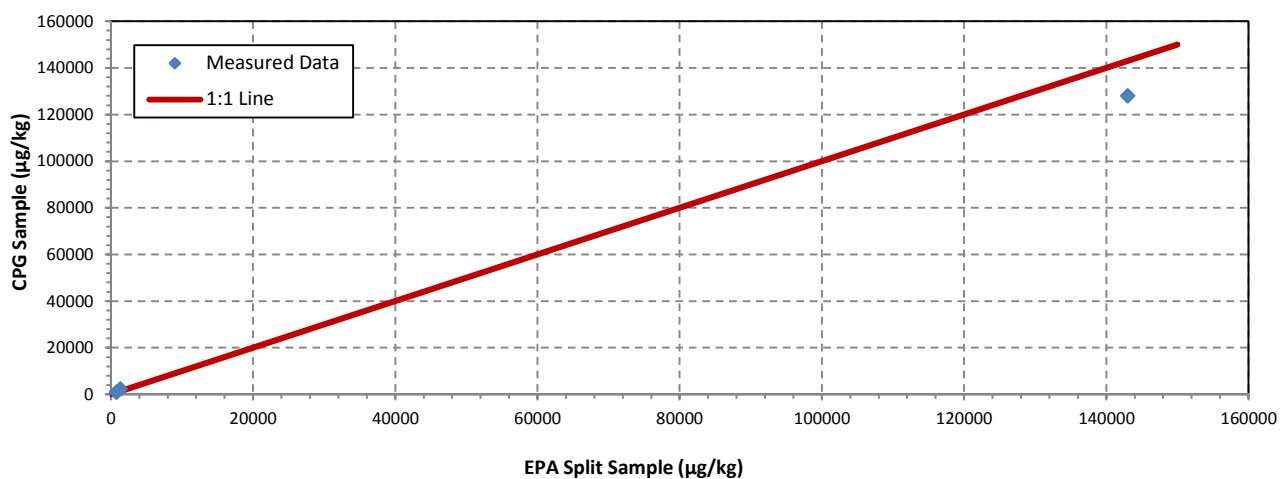


Figure 36c: Line Plot of Pyrene Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations

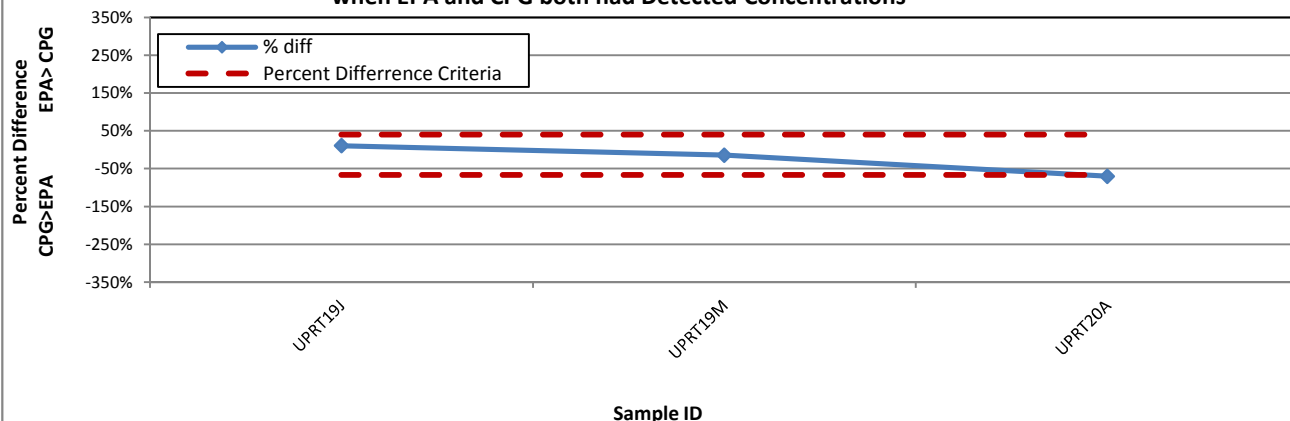


Figure 37a: Line Plot of Total Organic Carbon Concentrations

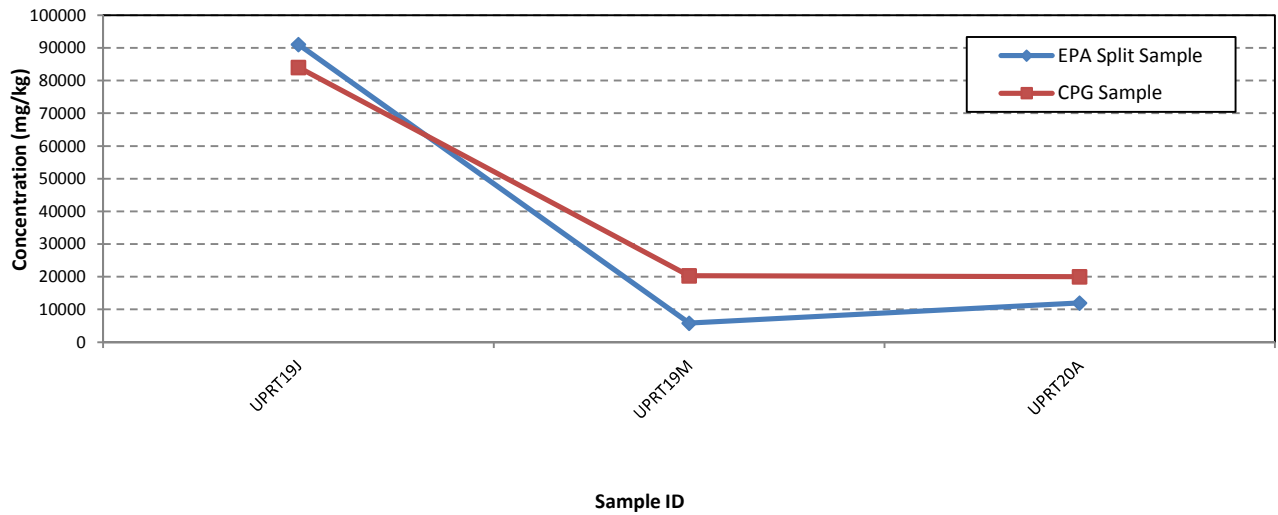


Figure 37b: Bivariate Plot of Total Organic Carbon Concentrations

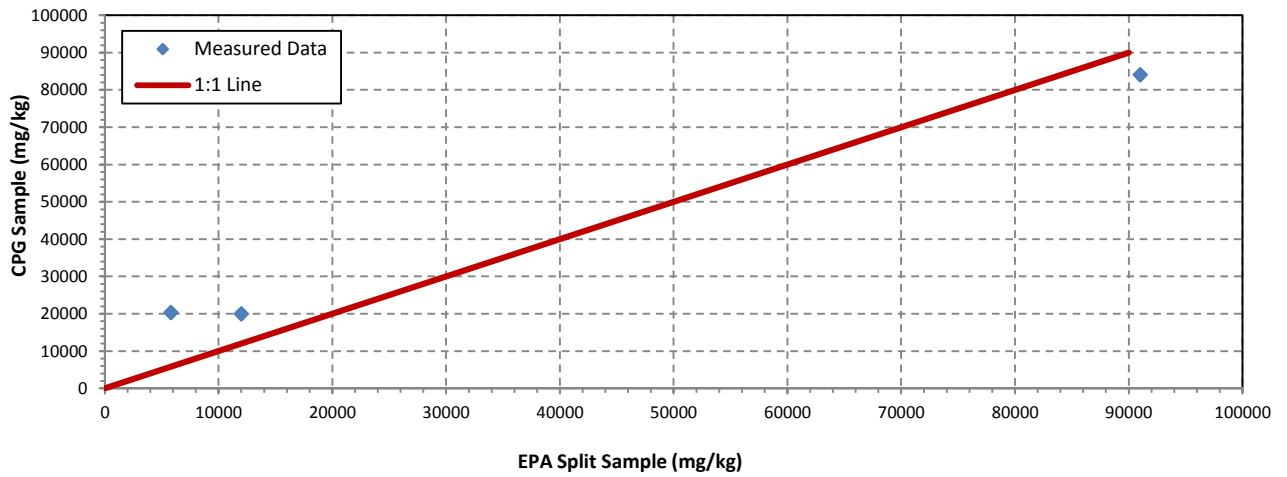


Figure 37c: Line Plot of Total Organic Carbon Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations

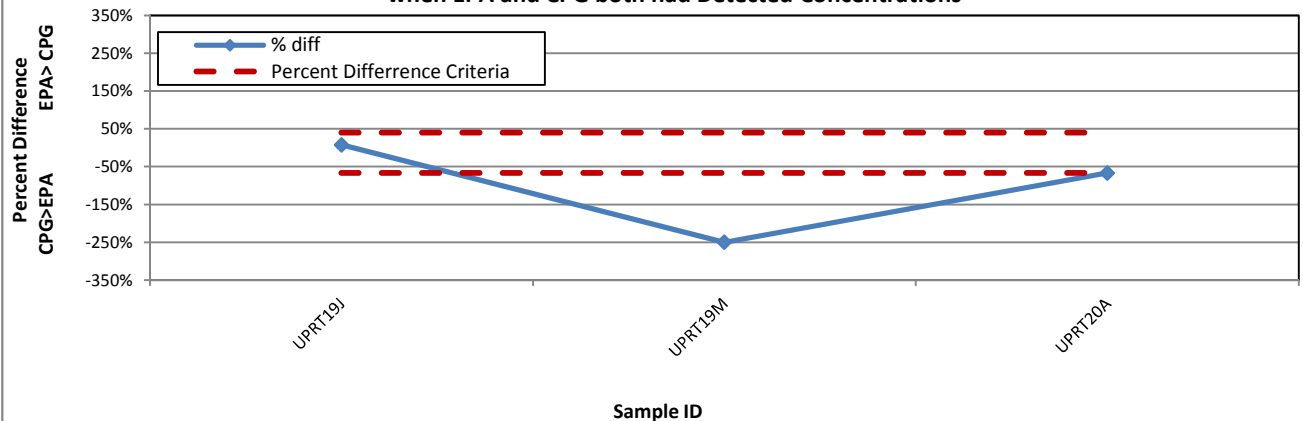


Figure 38a: Line Plot of Arsenic Concentrations

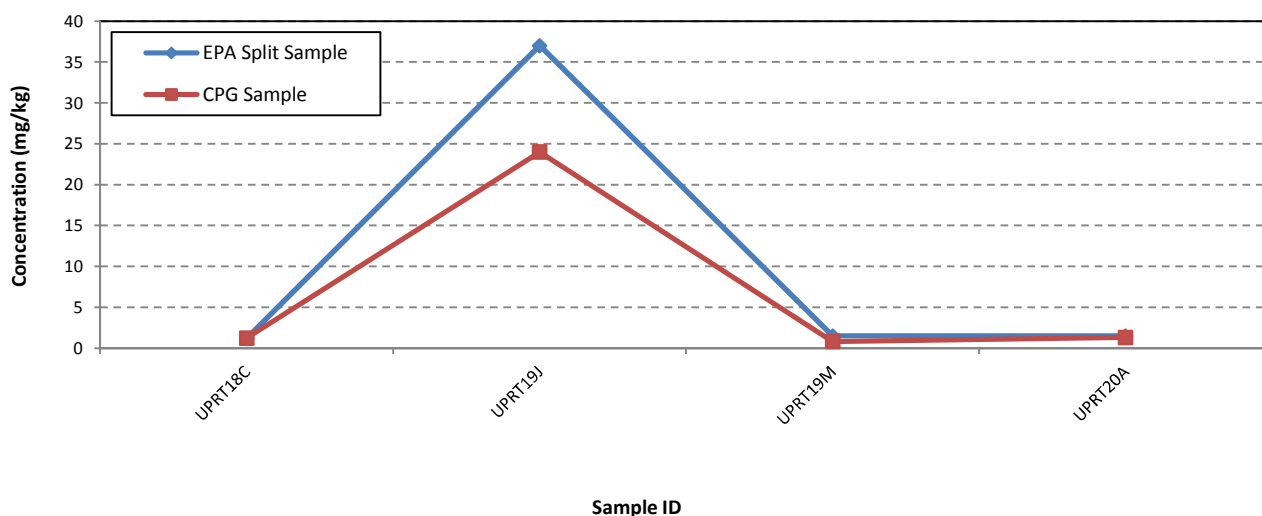


Figure 38b: Bivariate Plot of Arsenic Concentrations

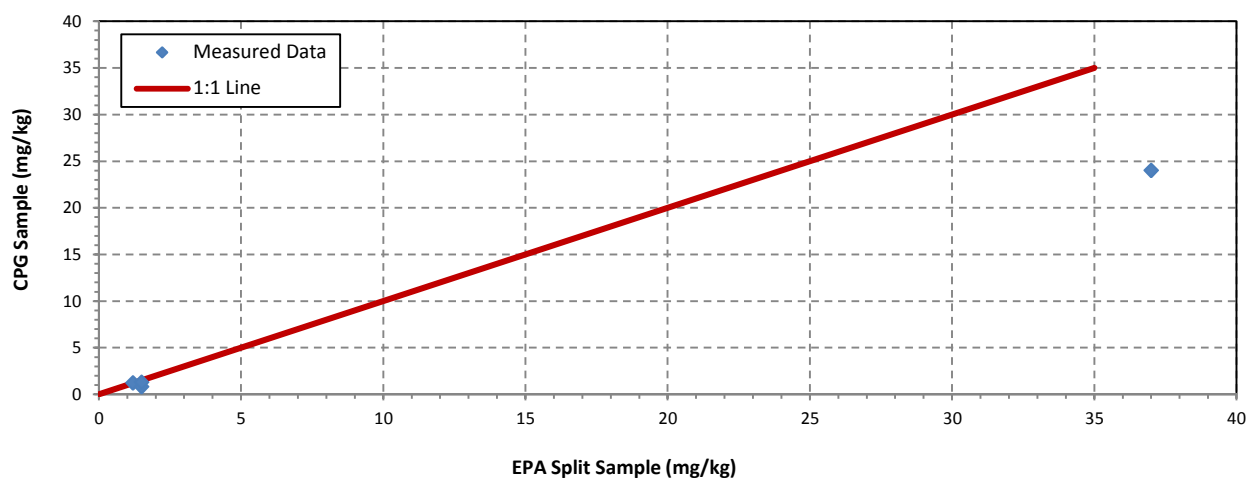
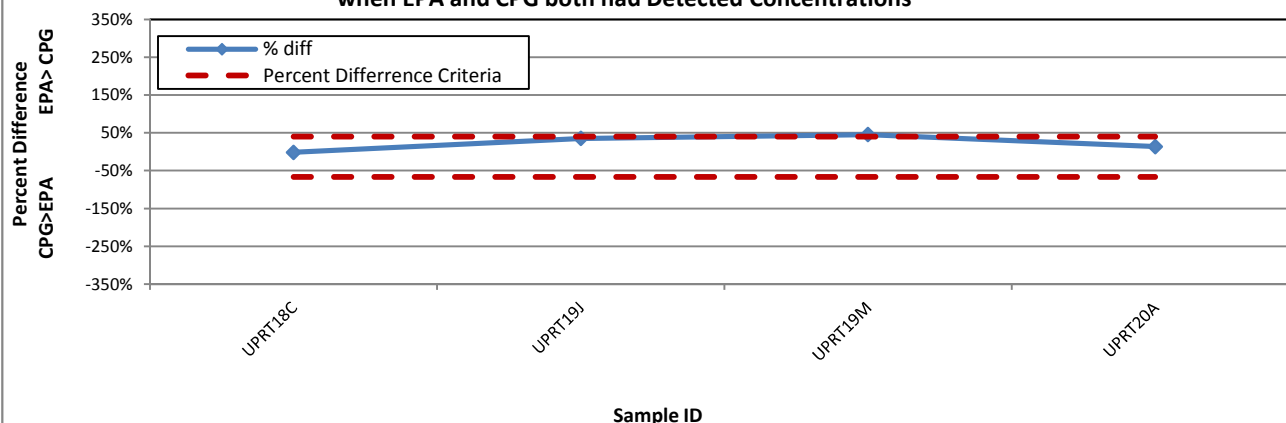
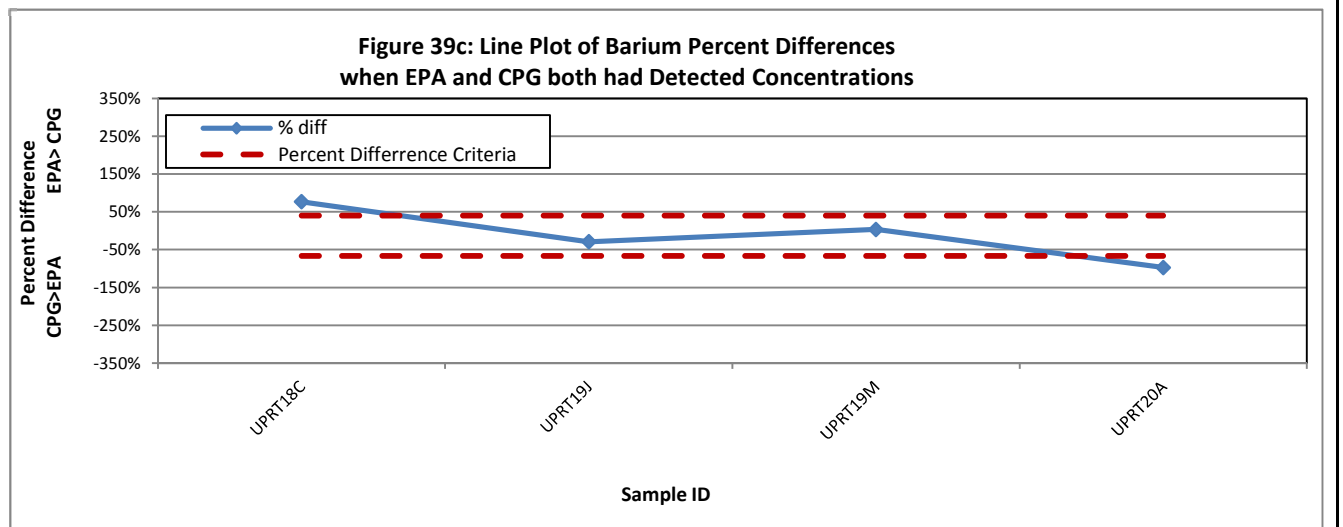
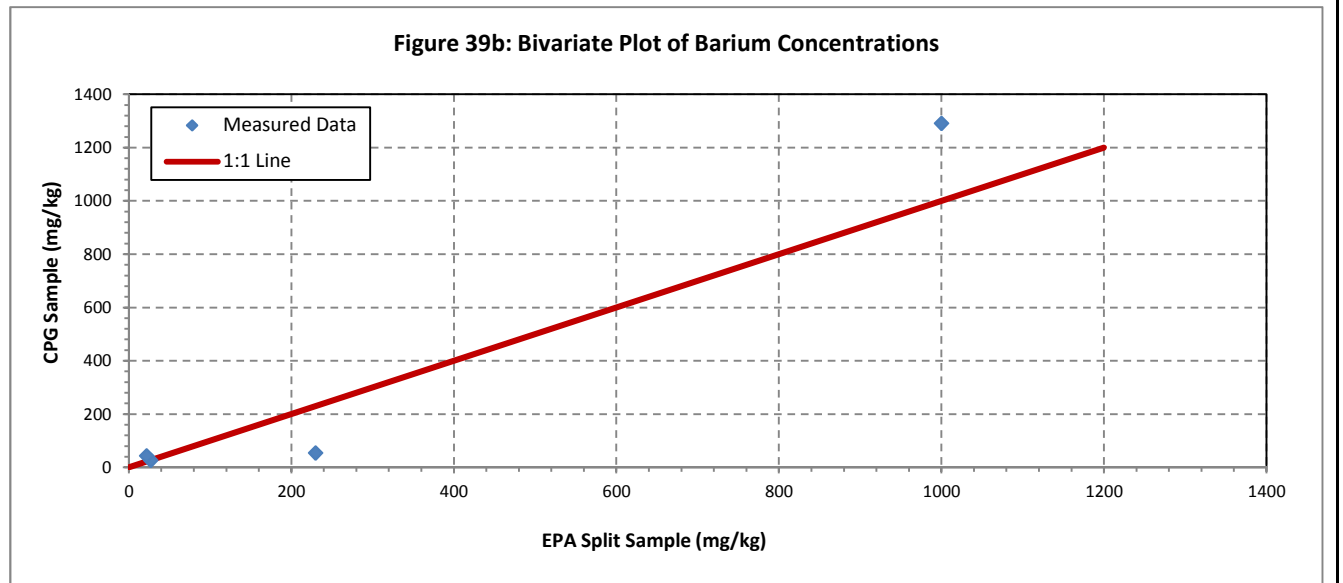
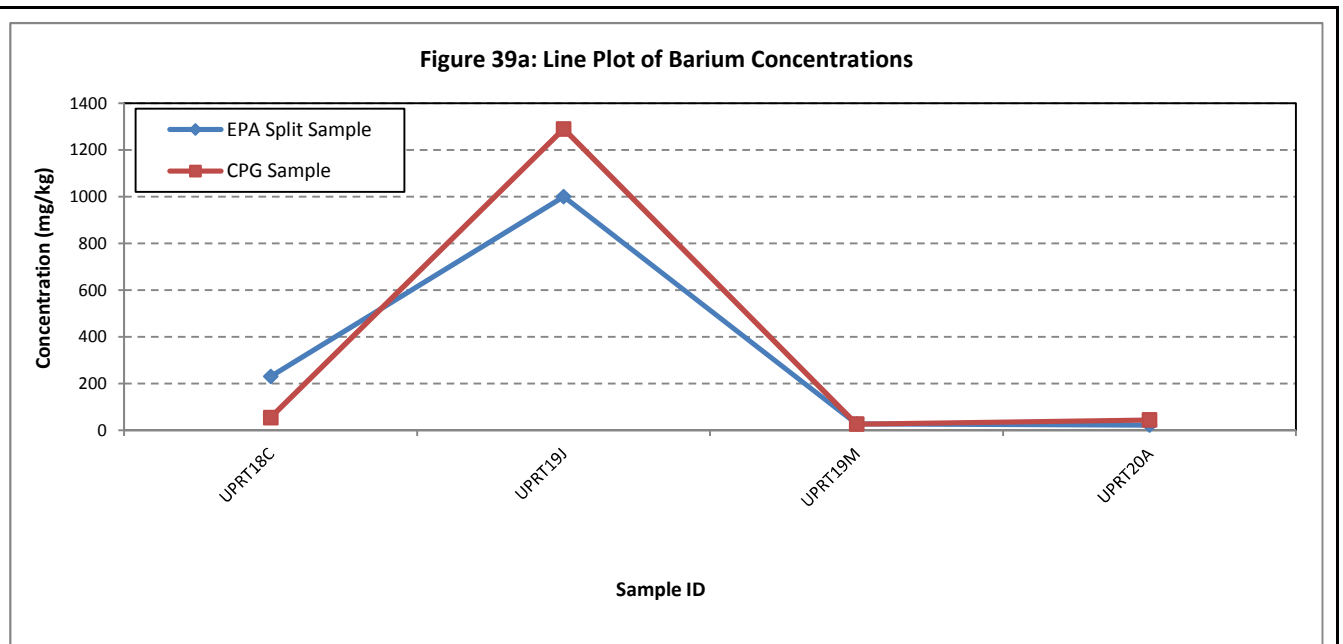
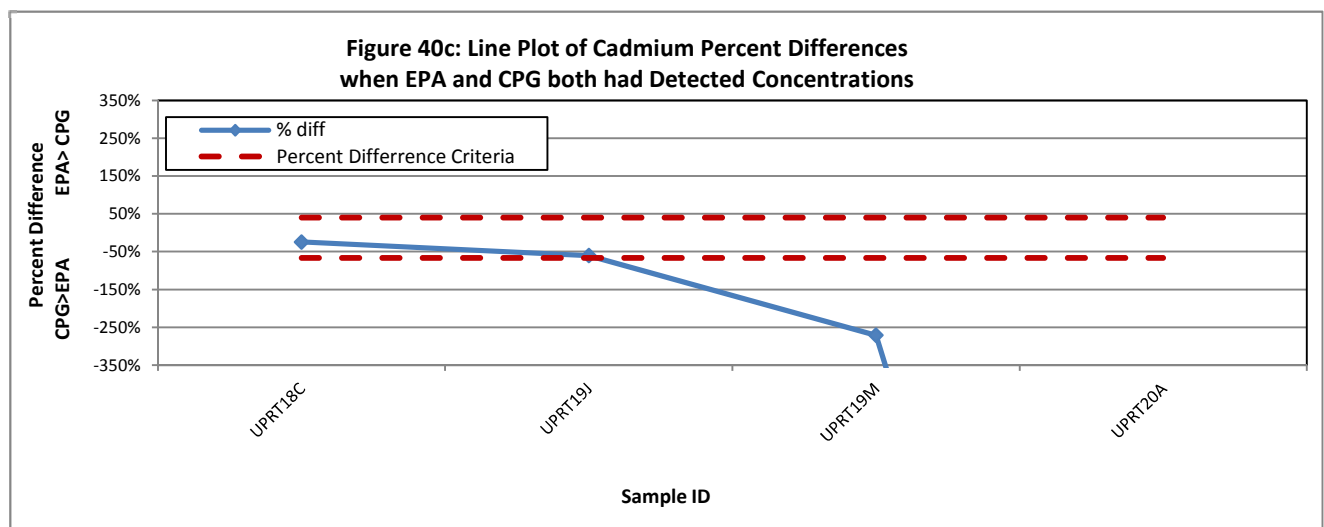
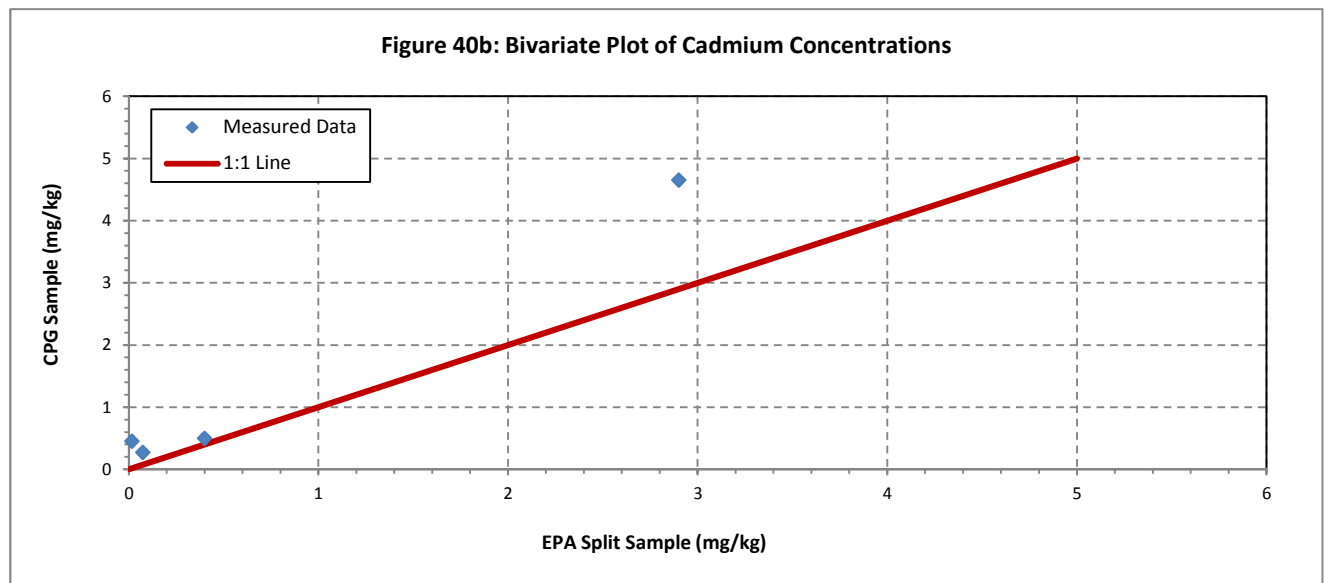
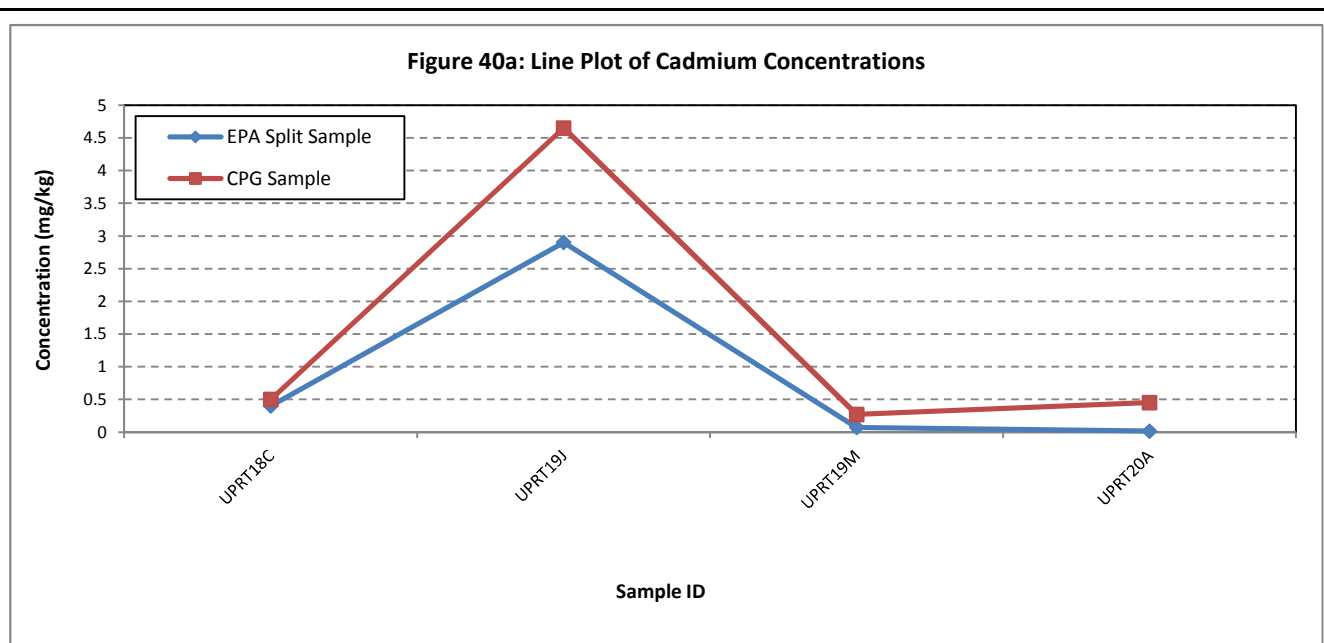


Figure 38c: Line Plot of Arsenic Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations







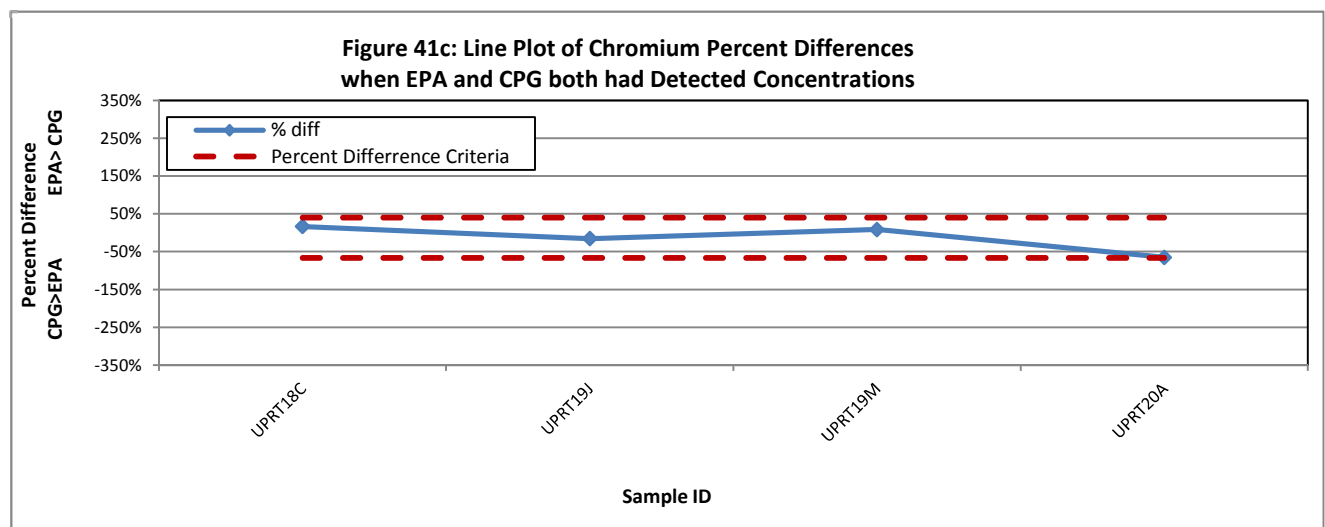
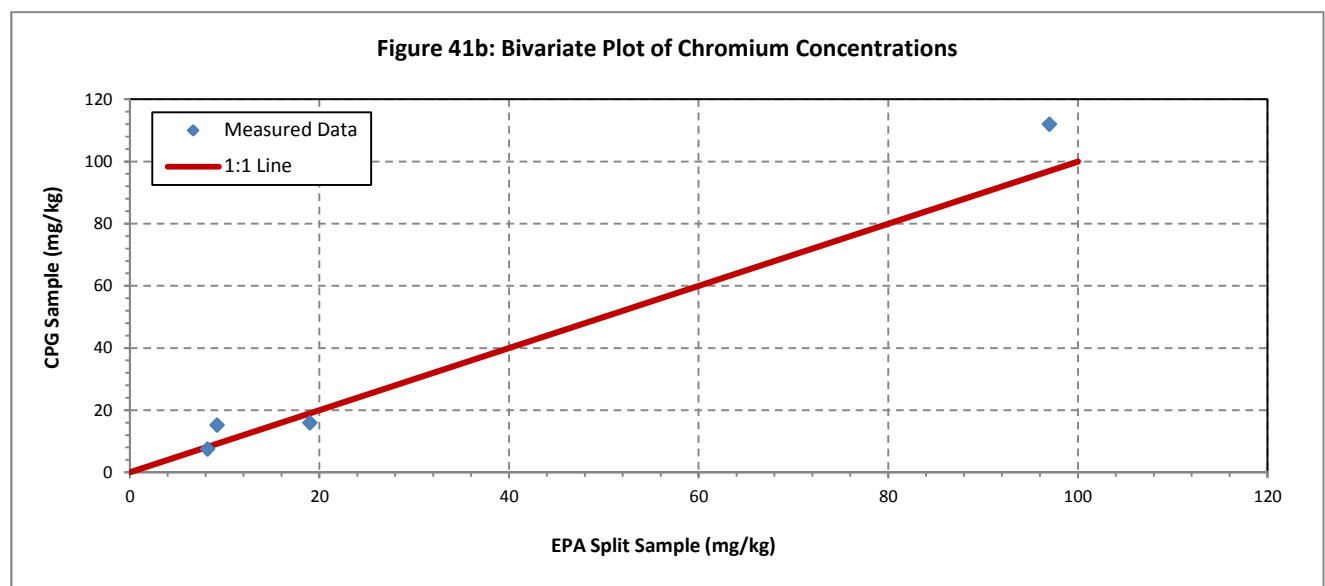
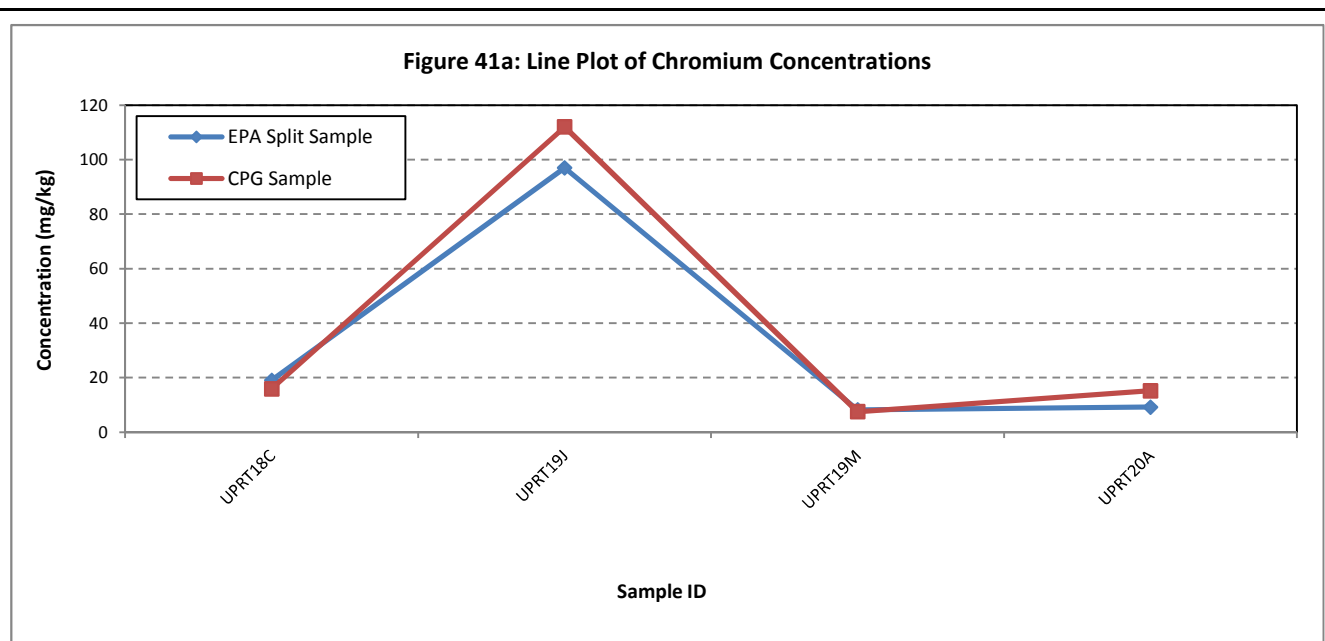


Figure 42a: Line Plot of Cobalt Concentrations

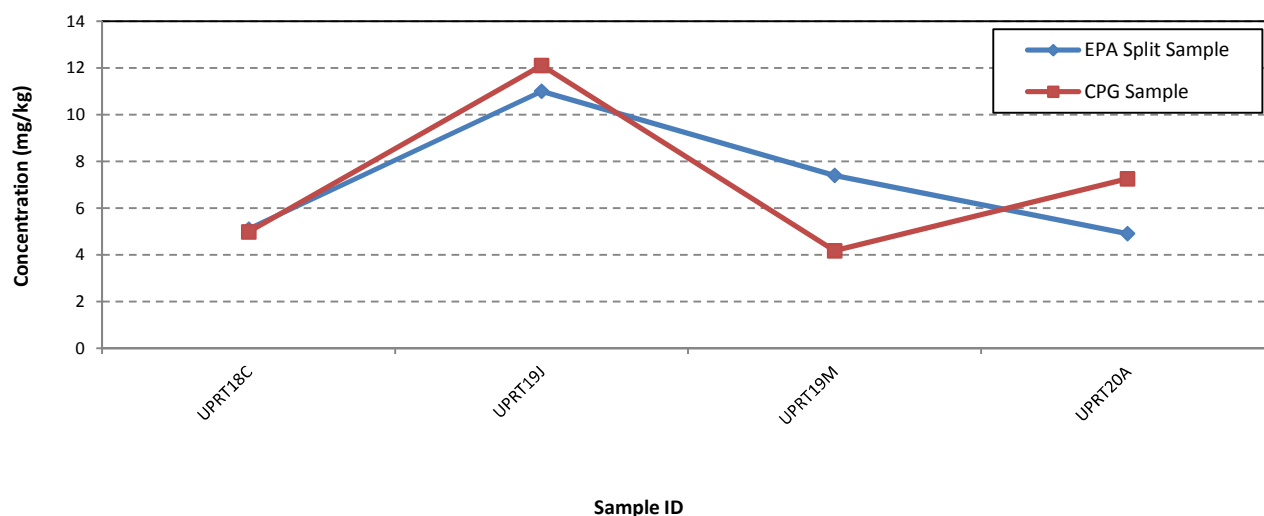


Figure 42b: Bivariate Plot of Cobalt Concentrations

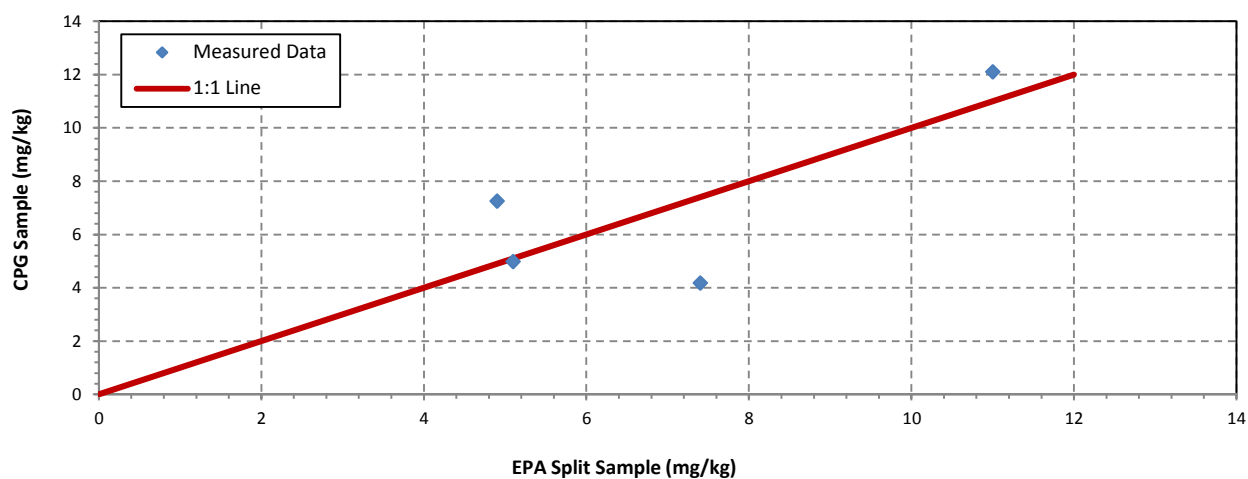


Figure 42c: Line Plot of Cobalt Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations

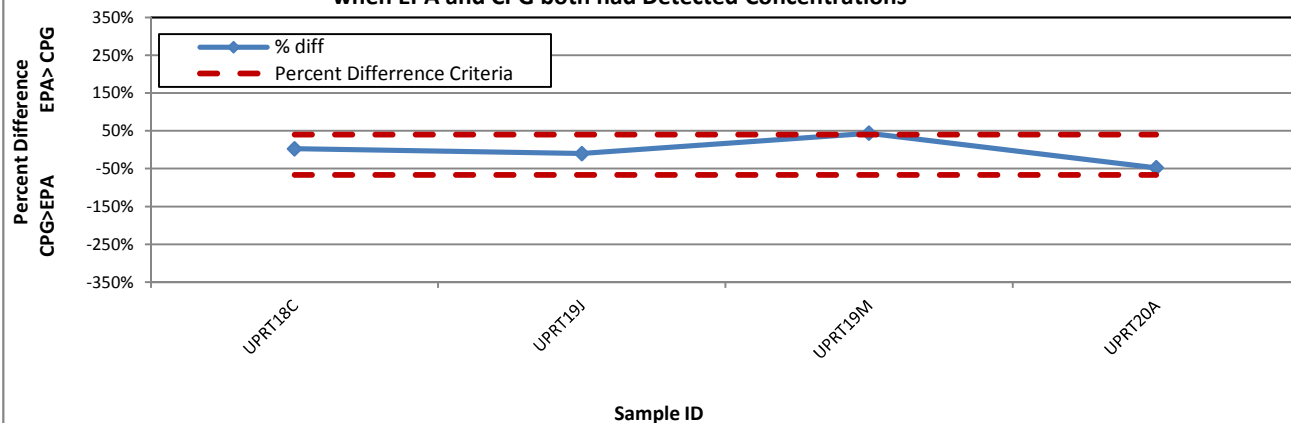


Figure 43a: Line Plot of Copper Concentrations

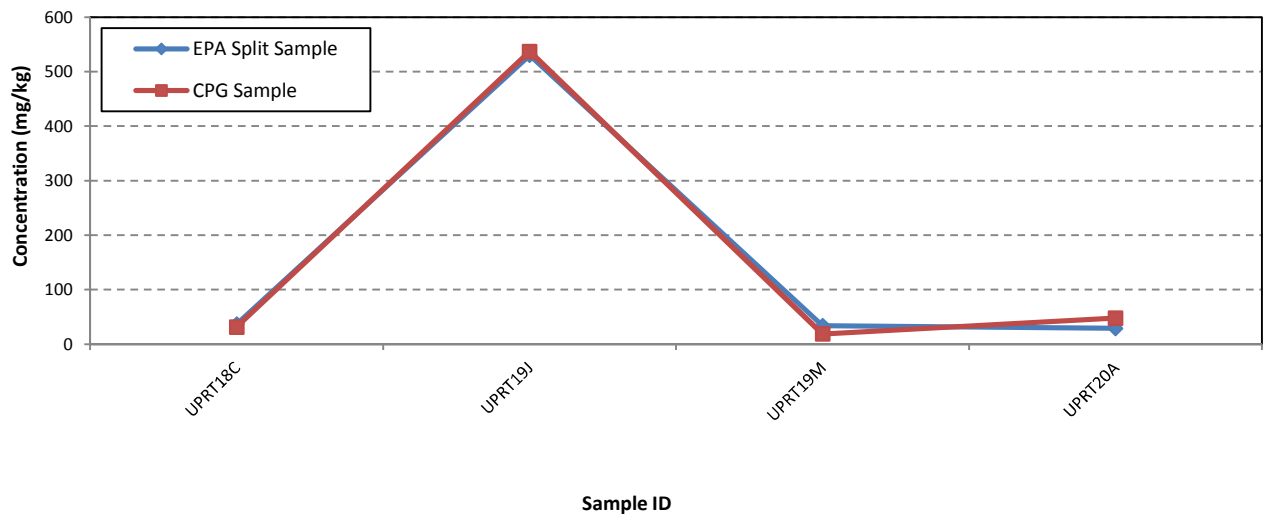


Figure 43b: Bivariate Plot of Copper Concentrations

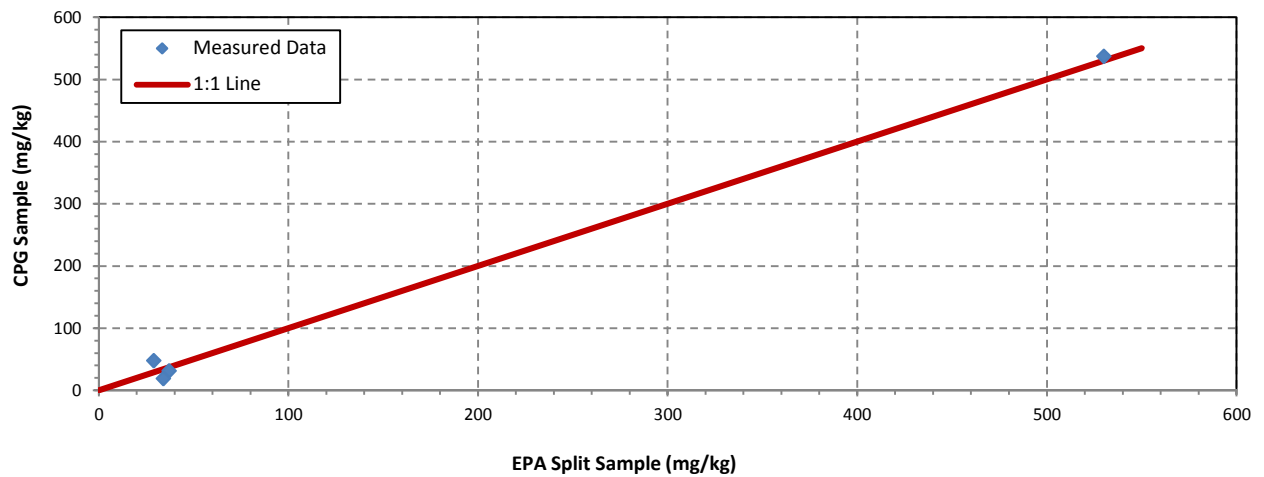


Figure 43c: Line Plot of Copper Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations

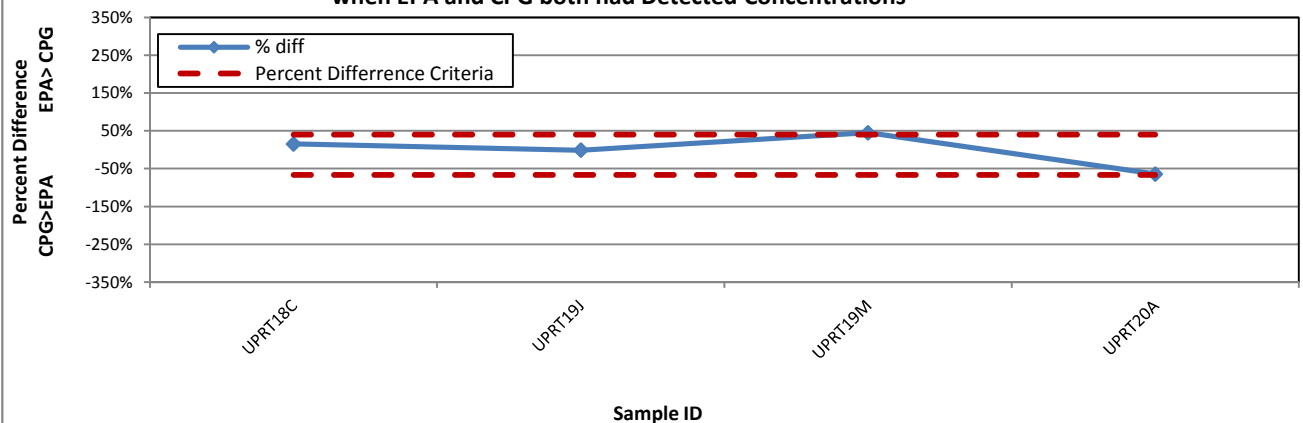


Figure 44a: Line Plot of Iron Concentrations

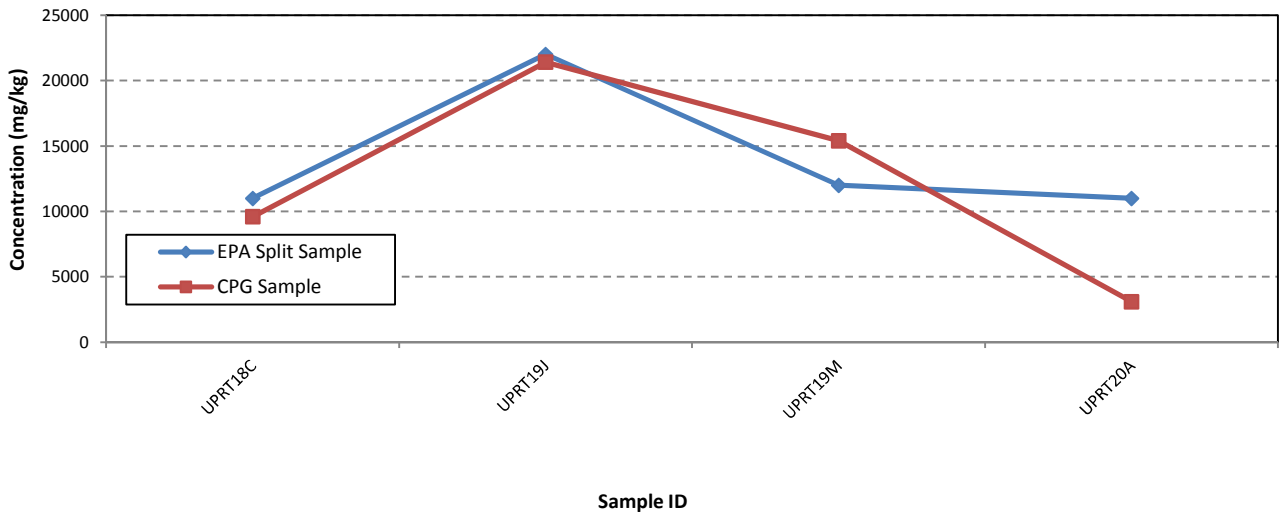


Figure 44b: Bivariate Plot of Iron Concentrations

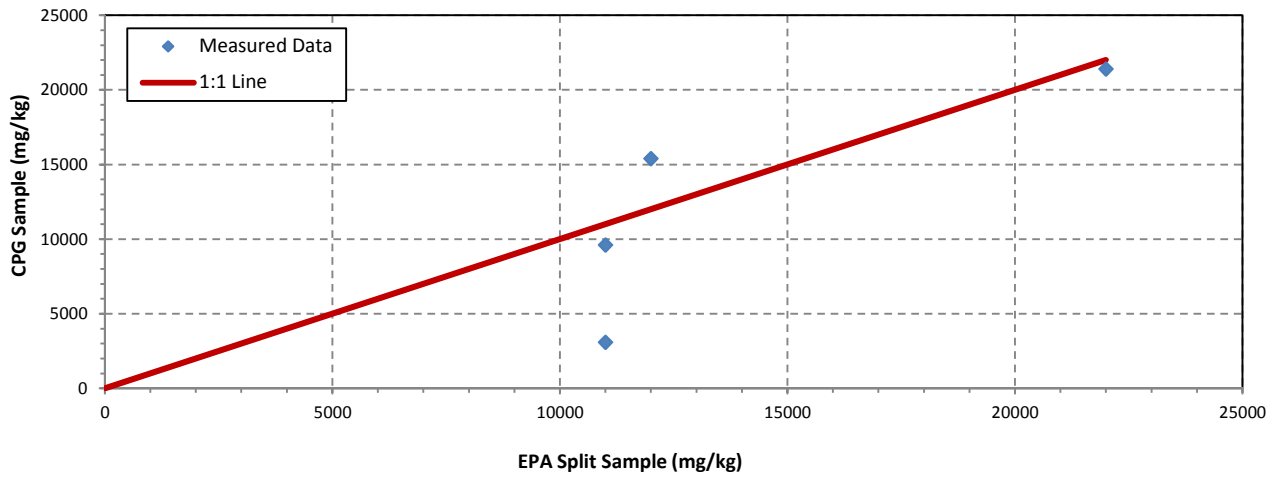


Figure 44c: Line Plot of Iron Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations

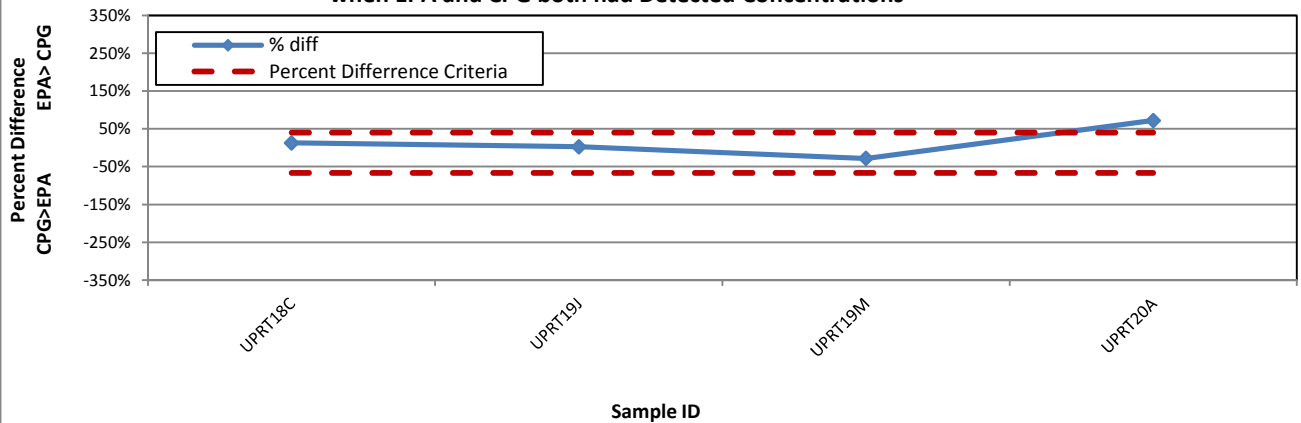


Figure 45a: Line Plot of Lead Concentrations

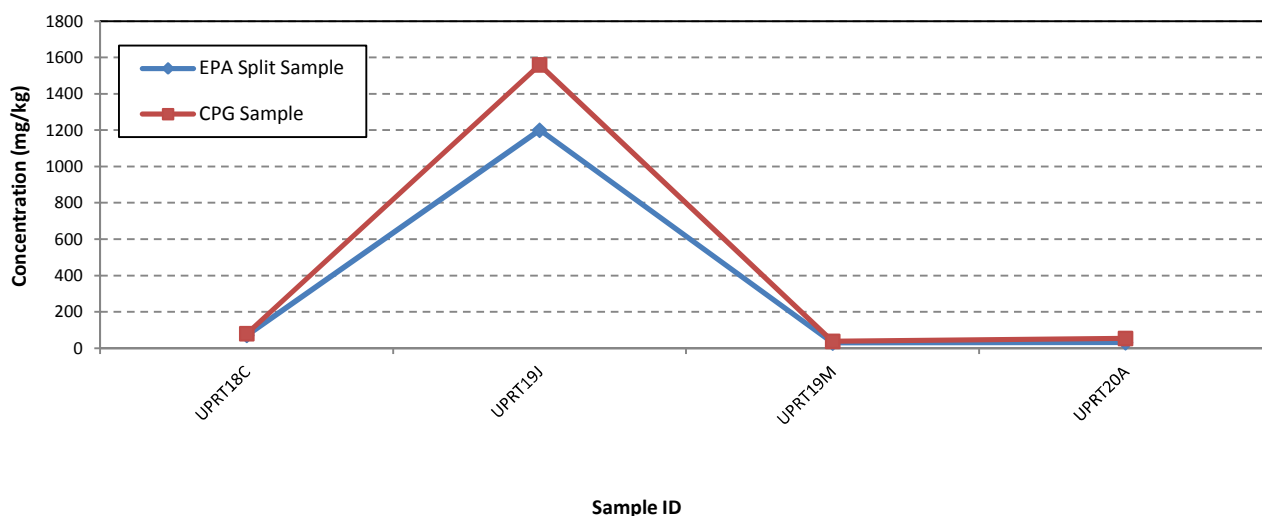


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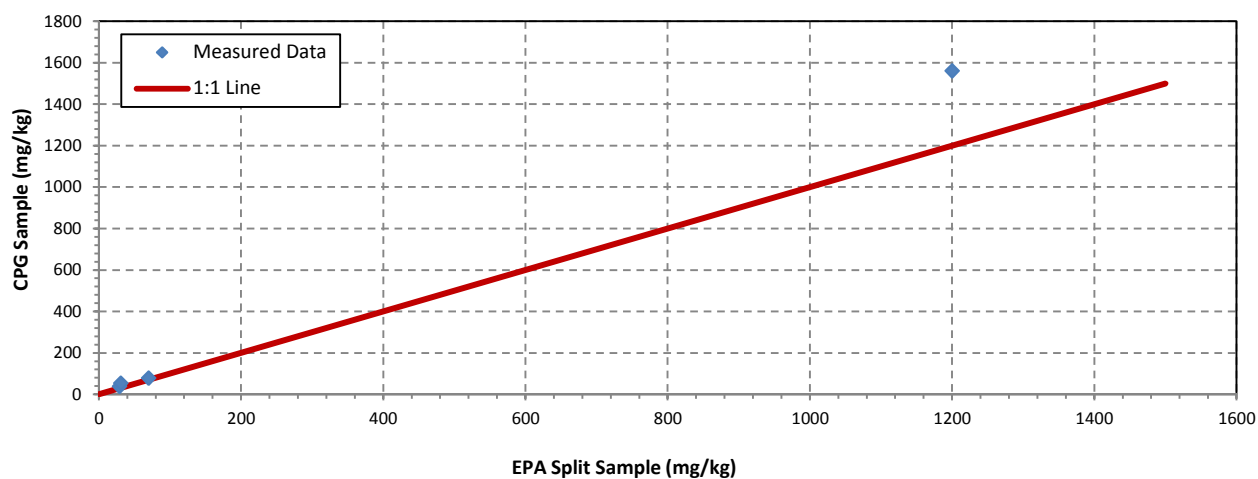


Figure 45c: Line Plot of Lead Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations

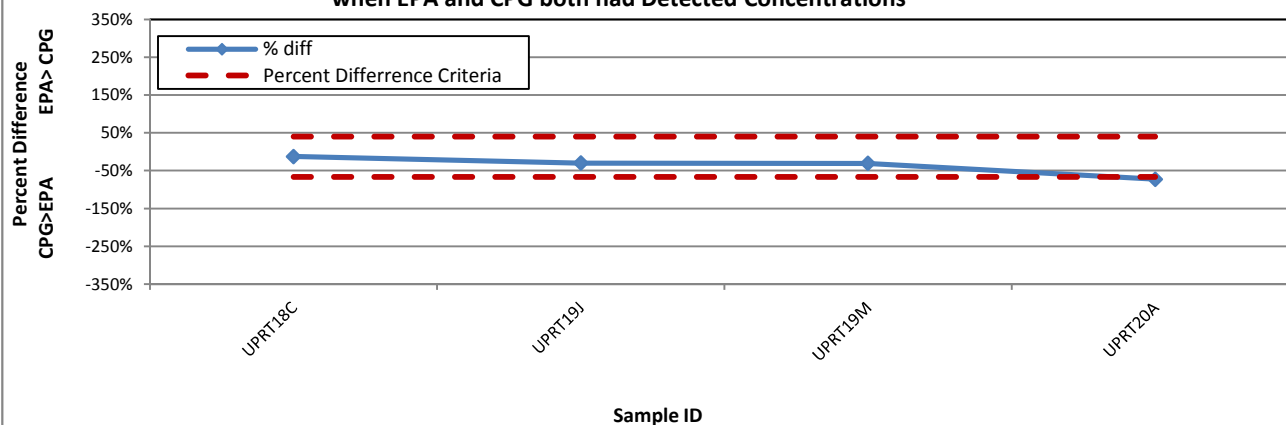


Figure 46a: Line Plot of Nickel Concentrations

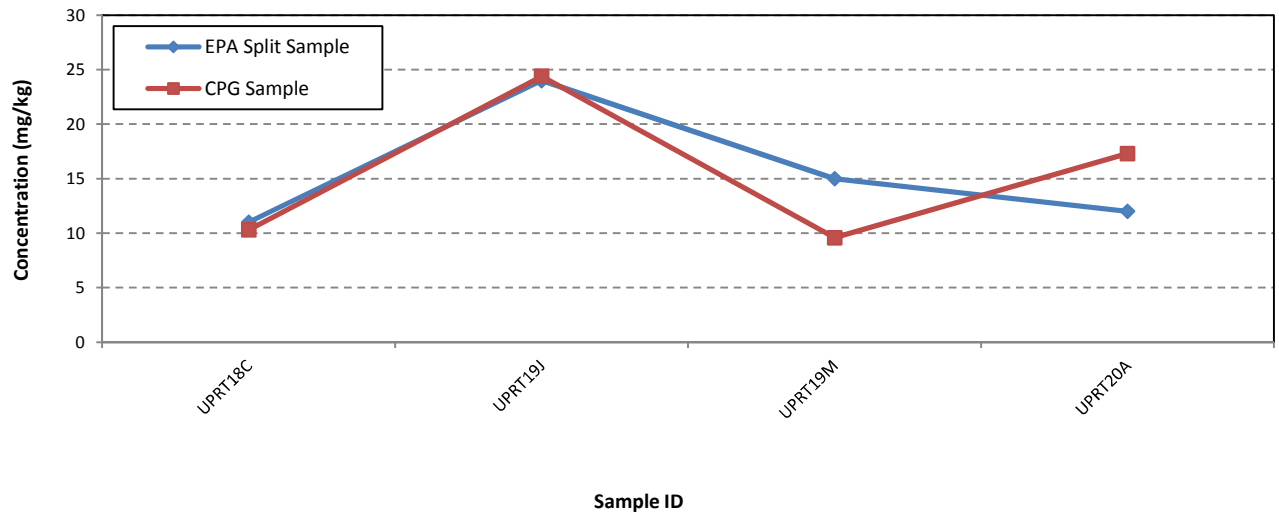


Figure 46b: Bivariate Plot of Nickel Concentrations

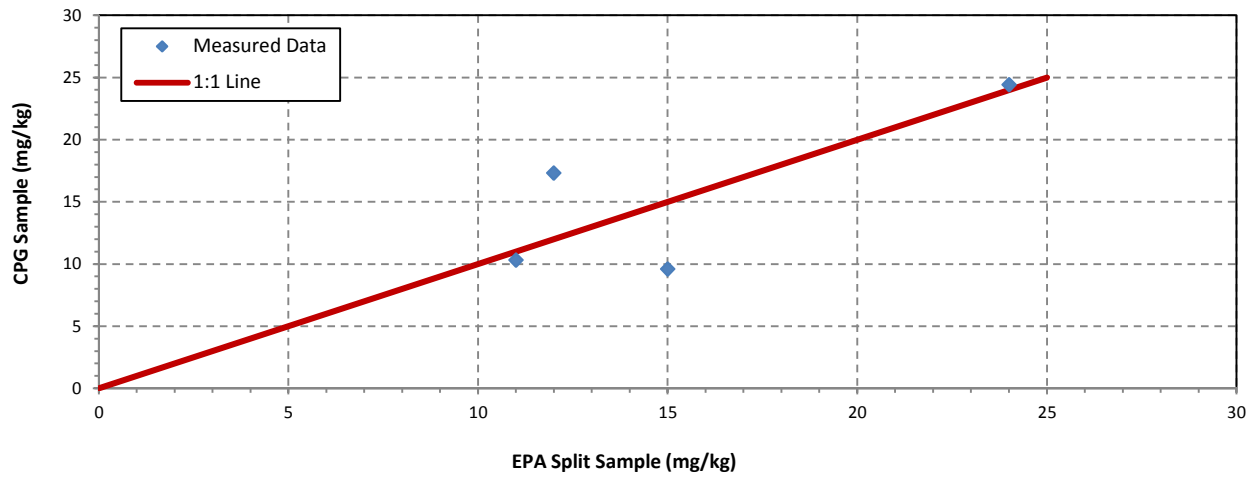


Figure 46c: Line Plot of Nickel Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations

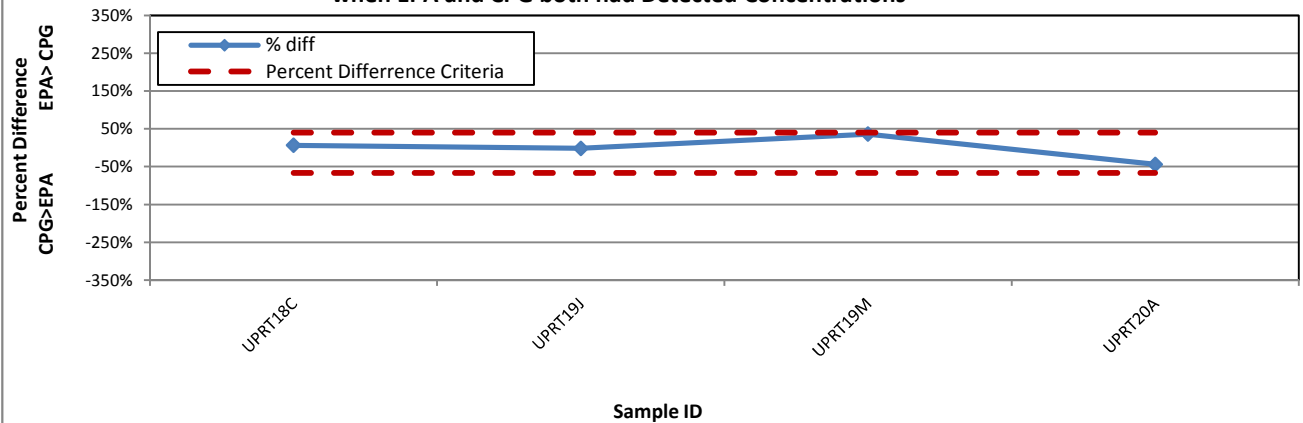


Figure 47a: Line Plot of Zinc Concentrations

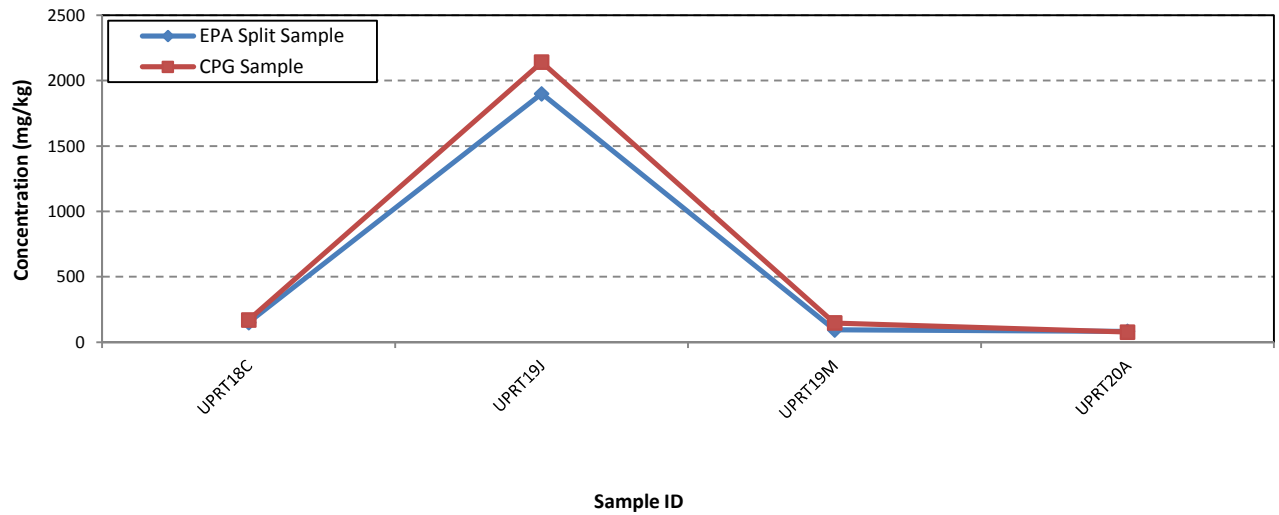


Figure 47b: Bivariate Plot of Zinc Concentrations

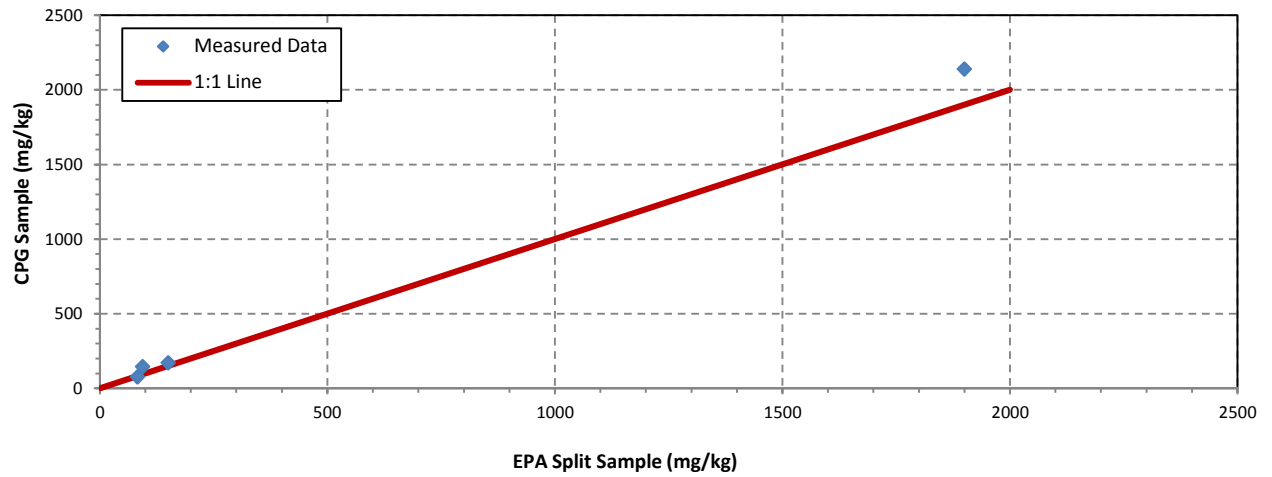


Figure 47c: Line Plot of Zinc Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations

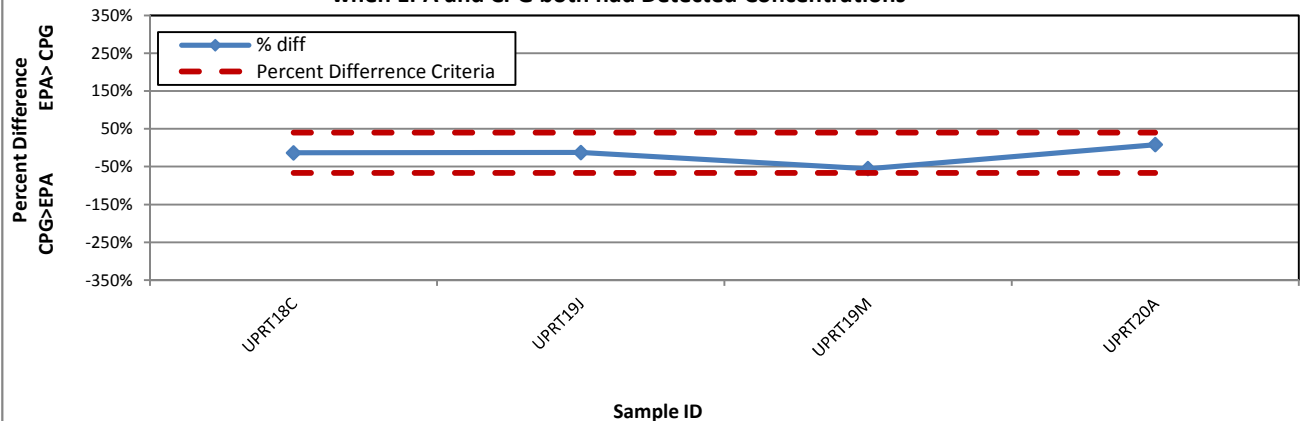


Figure 48a: Line Plot of Mercury Concentrations

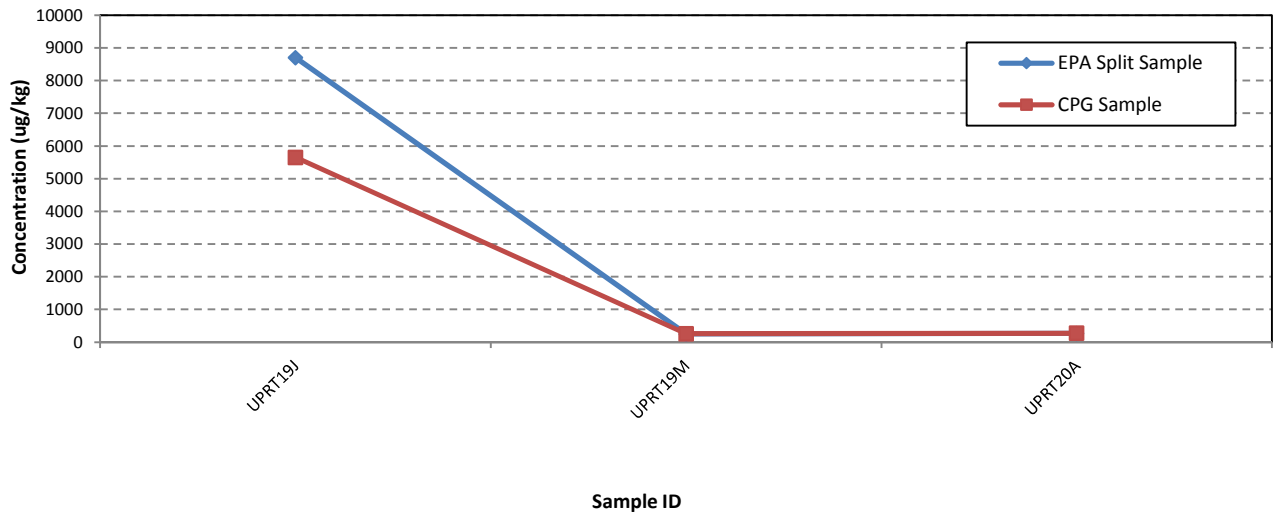


Figure 48b: Bivariate Plot of Mercury Concentrations

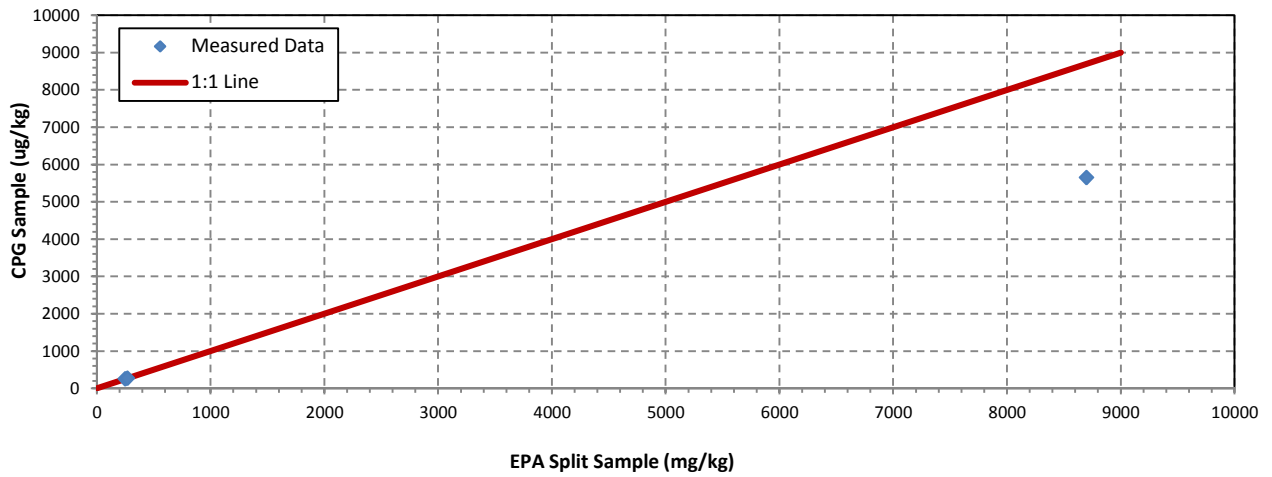


Figure 48c: Line Plot of Mercury Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations

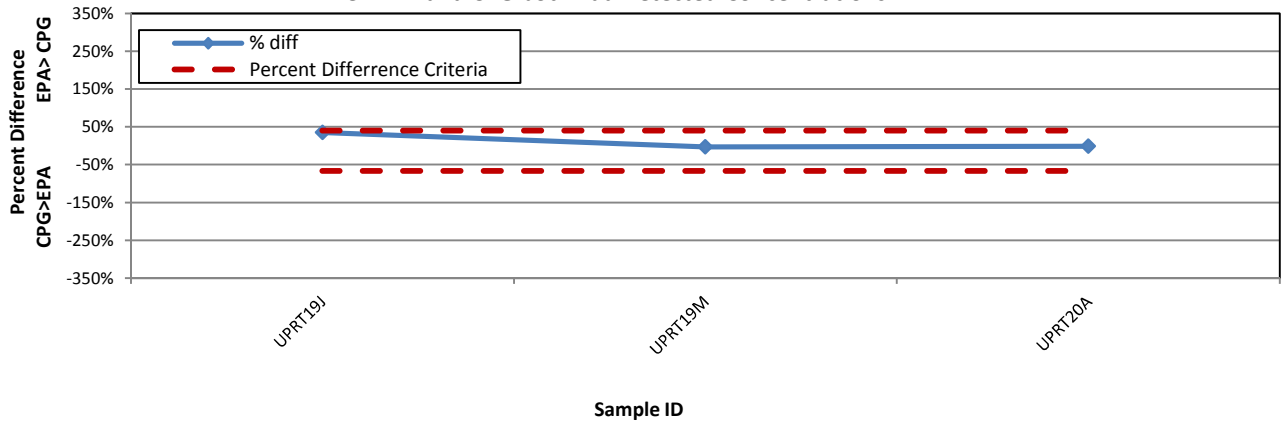


Figure 49a: Line Plot of Dioxins/Furans Scaled Concentrations

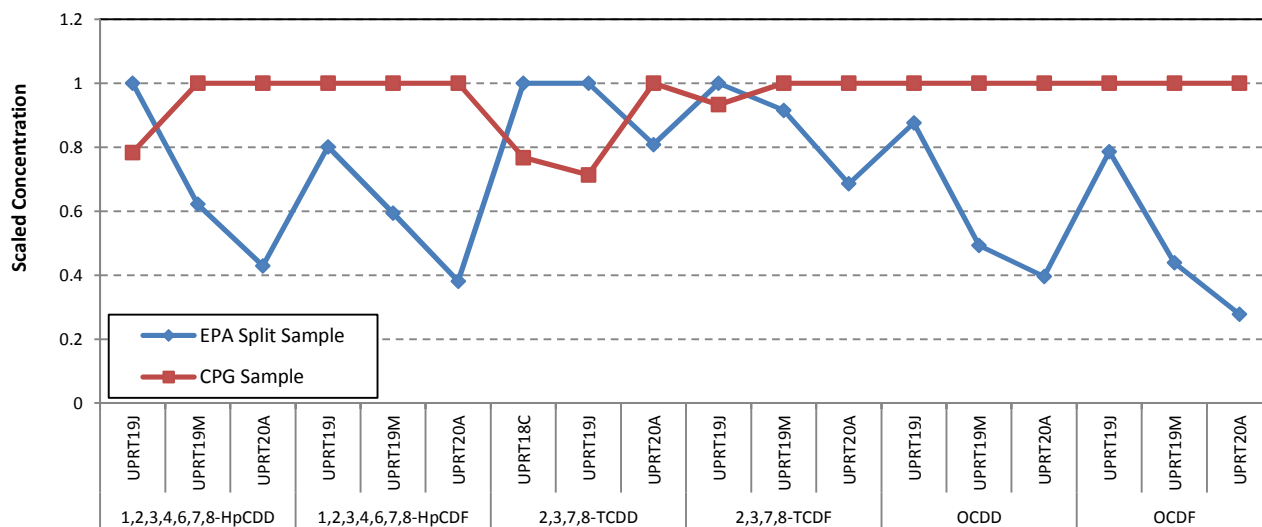


Figure 49b: Bivariate Plot of Dioxins/Furans Scaled Concentrations

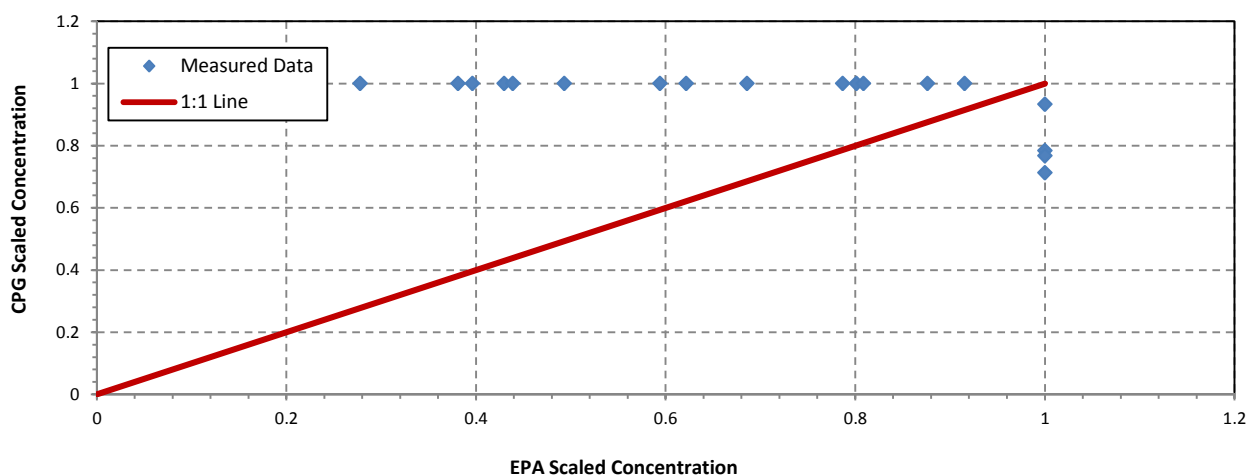
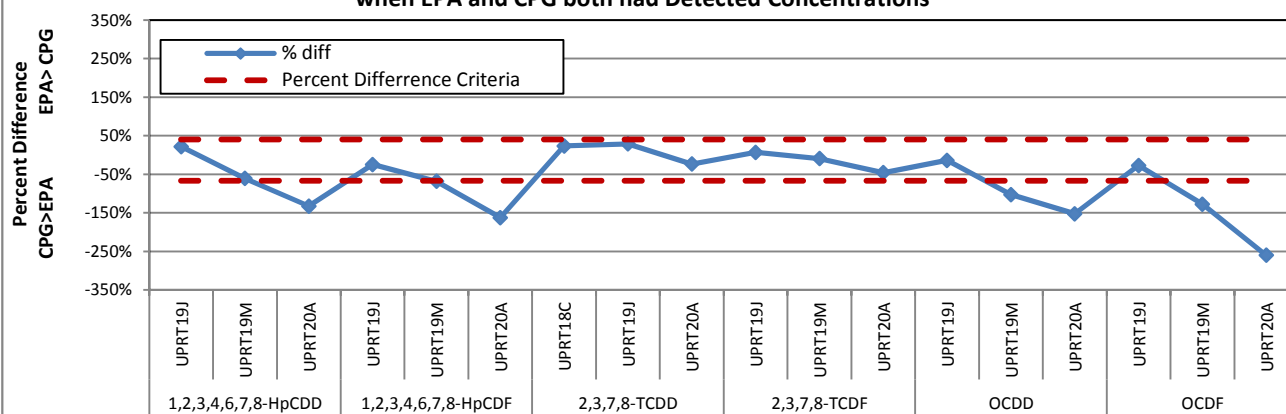


Figure 49c: Line Plot of Dioxins/Furans Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations

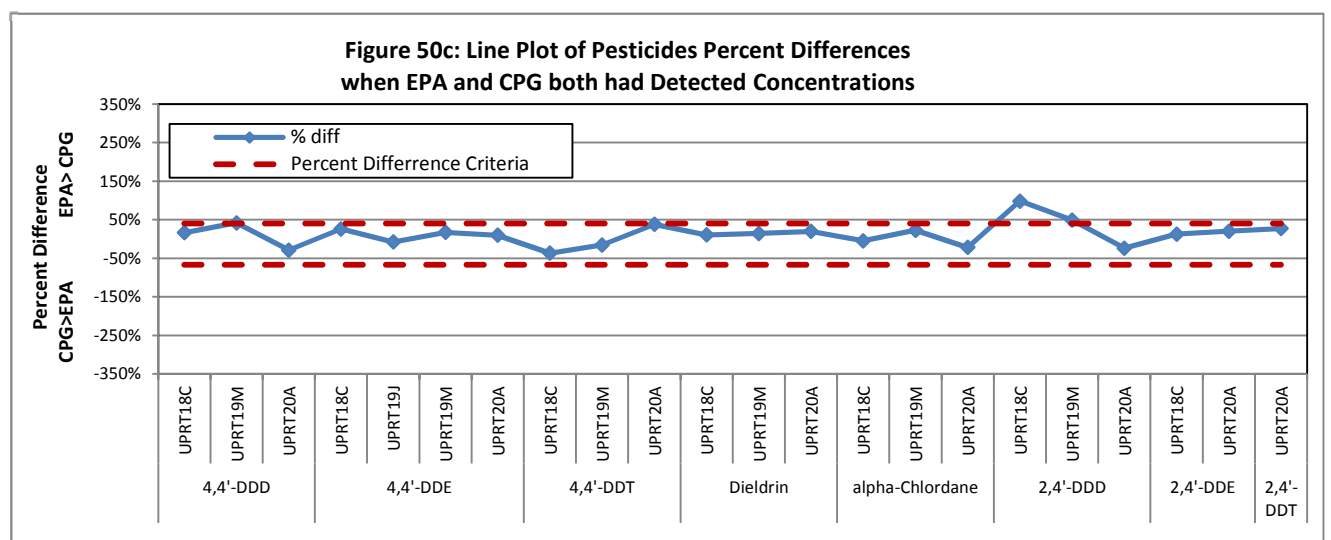
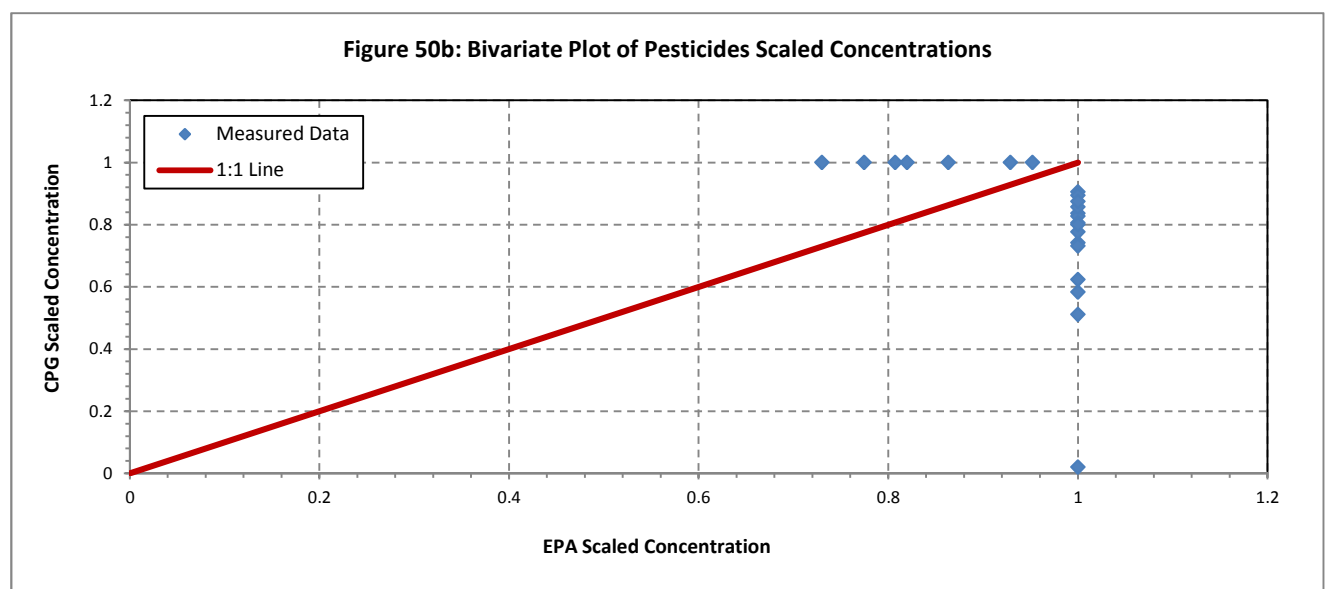
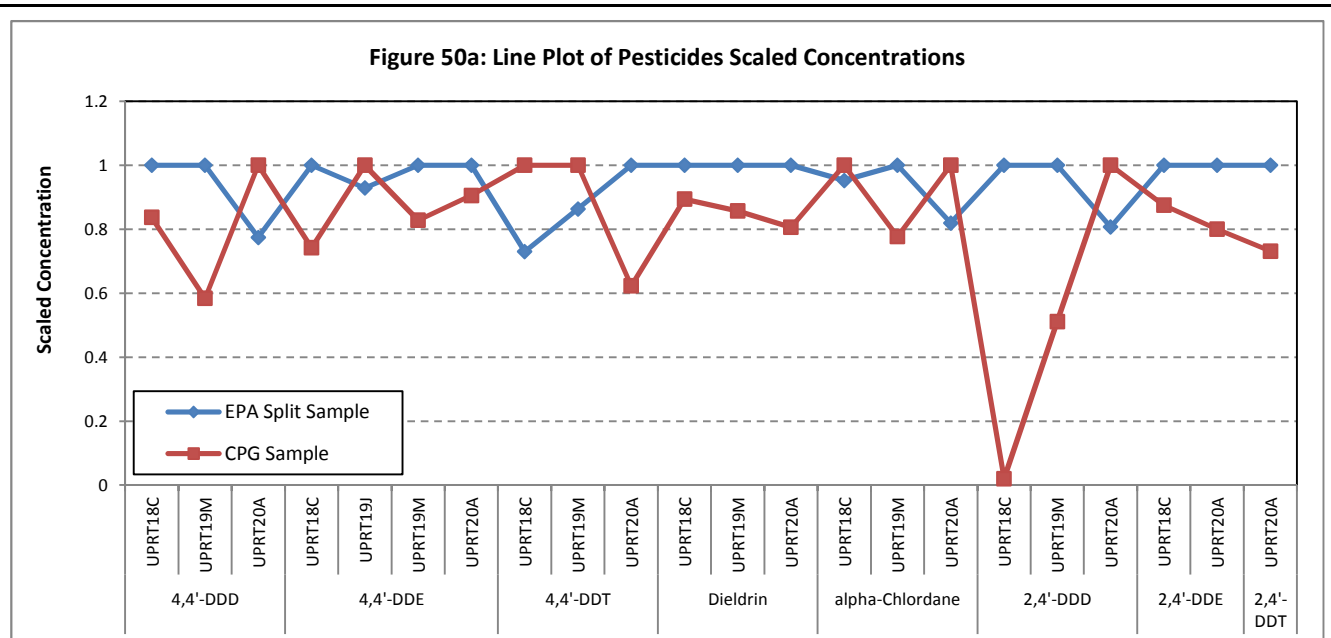


Statistical Plot of Sediment Dioxins/Furans Scaled Concentrations

Figure 49

HpCDD = heptachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin
 TCDD = tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin
 OCDD = octachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin

HpCDF = heptachlorodibenzofuran
 TCDF = tetrachlorodibenzofuran
 OCDF = octachlorodibenzofuran



Statistical Plot of Sediment Pesticides Scaled Concentrations

Figure 50

DDD = dichlorodiphenyldichloroethane
DDE = dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene
DDT = dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane

Figure 51a: Line Plot of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) Scaled Concentrations

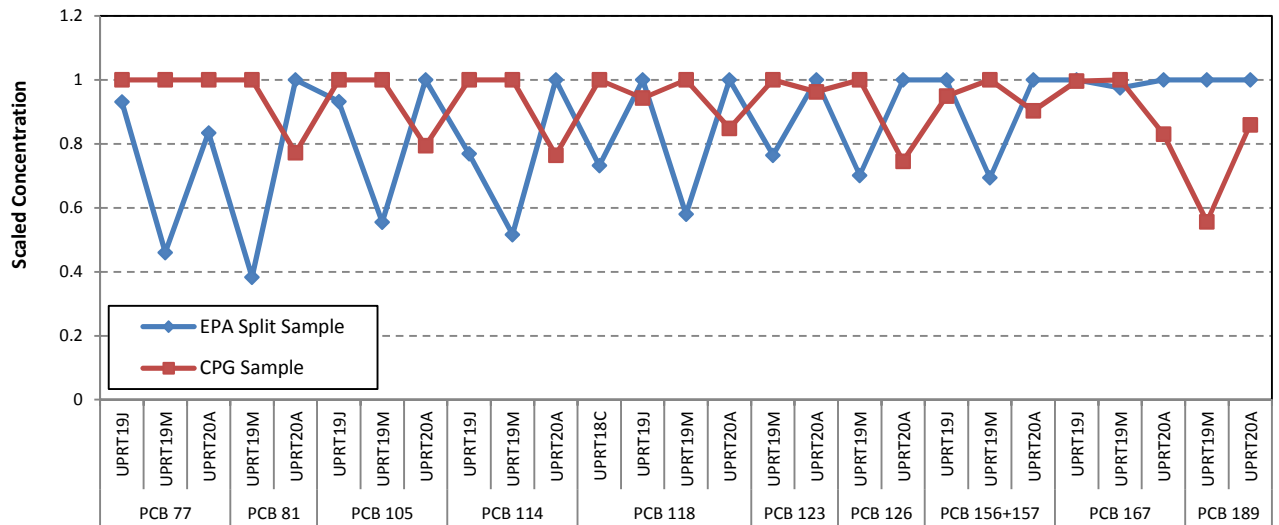


Figure 51b: Bivariate Plot of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) Scaled Concentrations

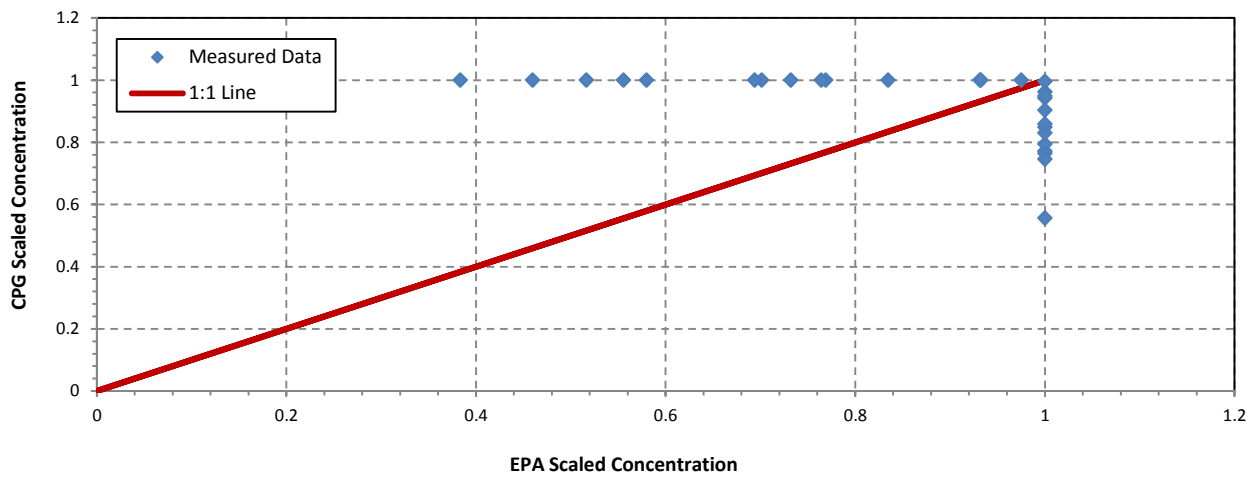
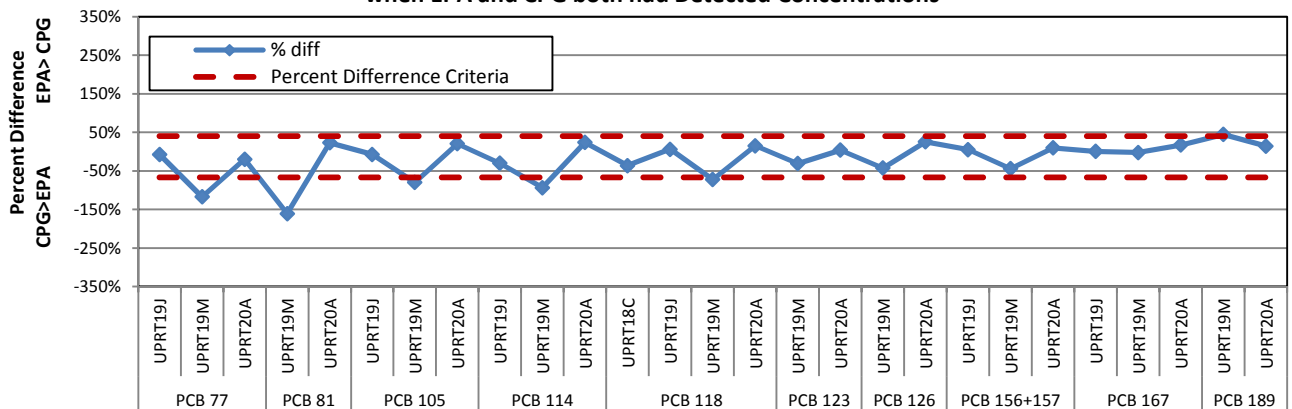


Figure 51c: Line Plot of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations



Statistical Plot of Sediment Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) Scaled Concentrations

Figure 51

PCB = polychlorinated biphenyl

Figure 52a: Line Plot of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) Scaled Concentrations

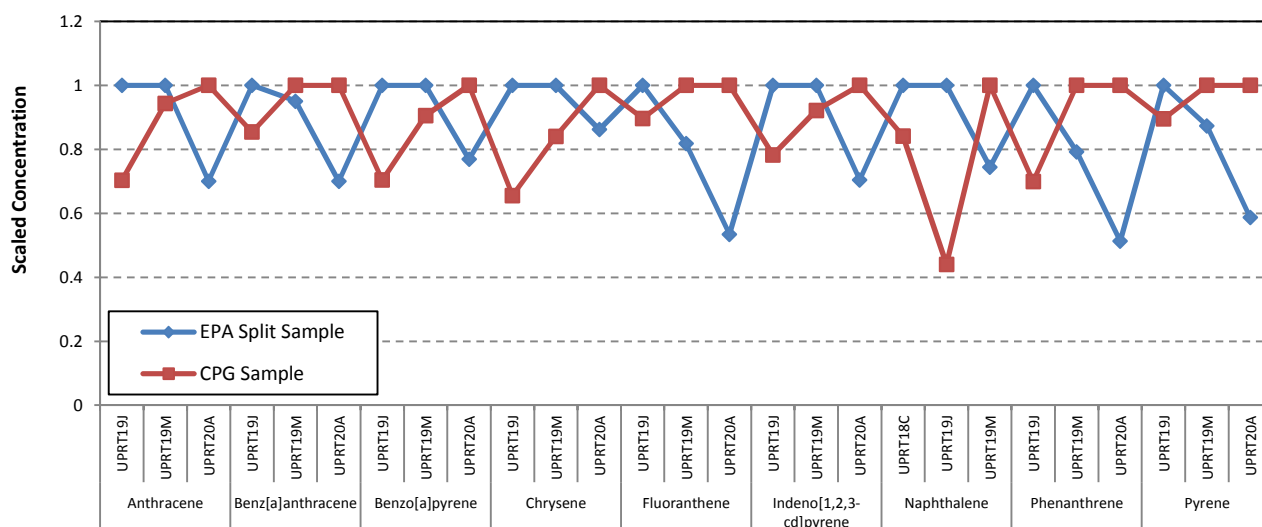


Figure 52b: Bivariate Plot of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) Scaled Concentrations

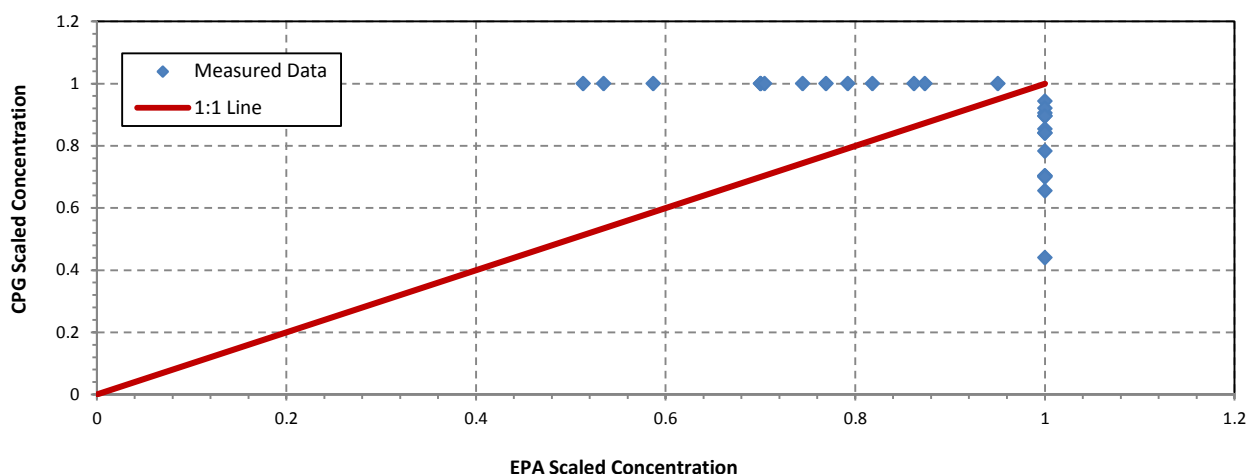


Figure 52c: Line Plot of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations

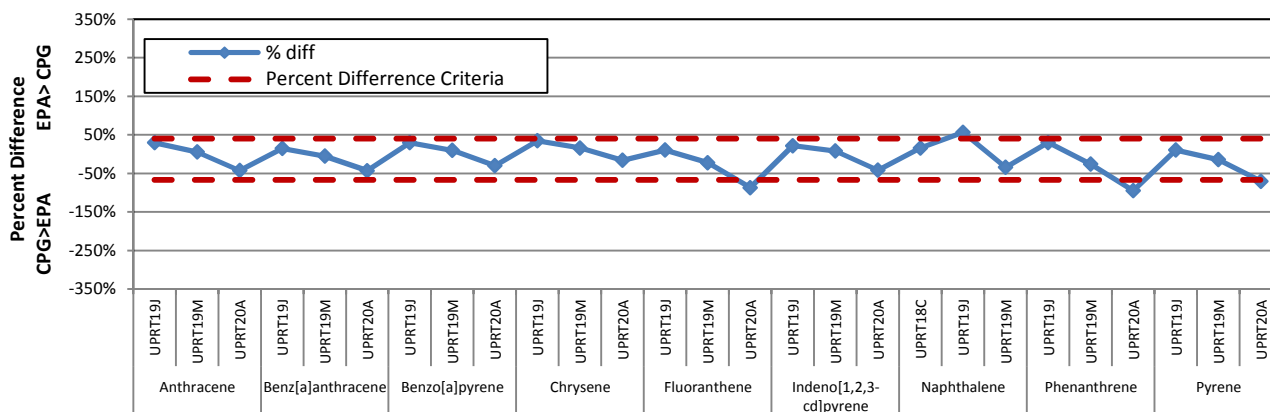


Figure 53a: Line Plot of Metals (excluding mercury) Scaled Concentrations

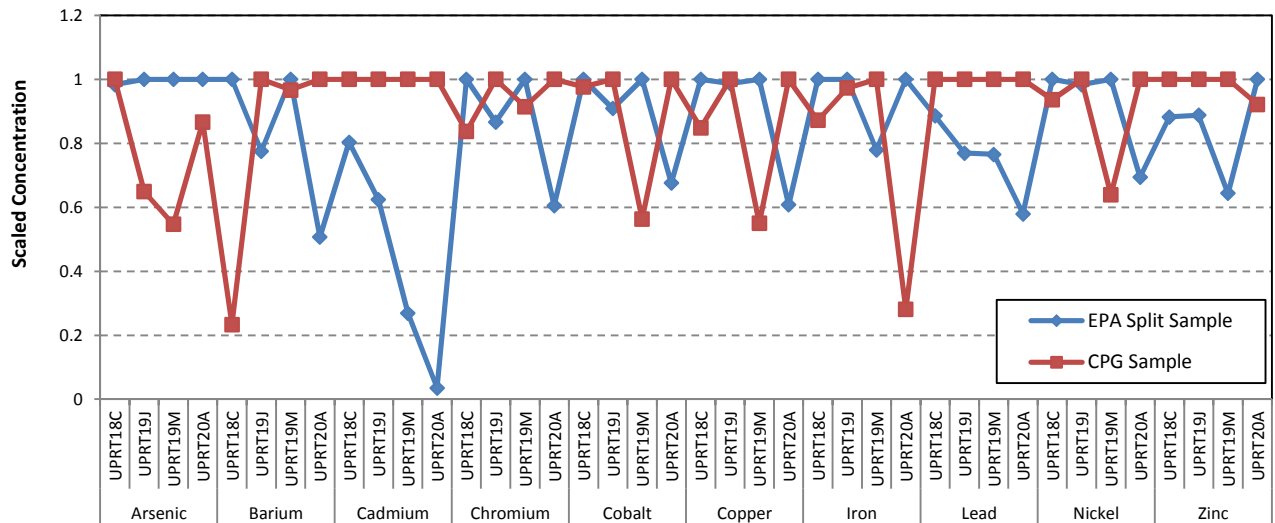


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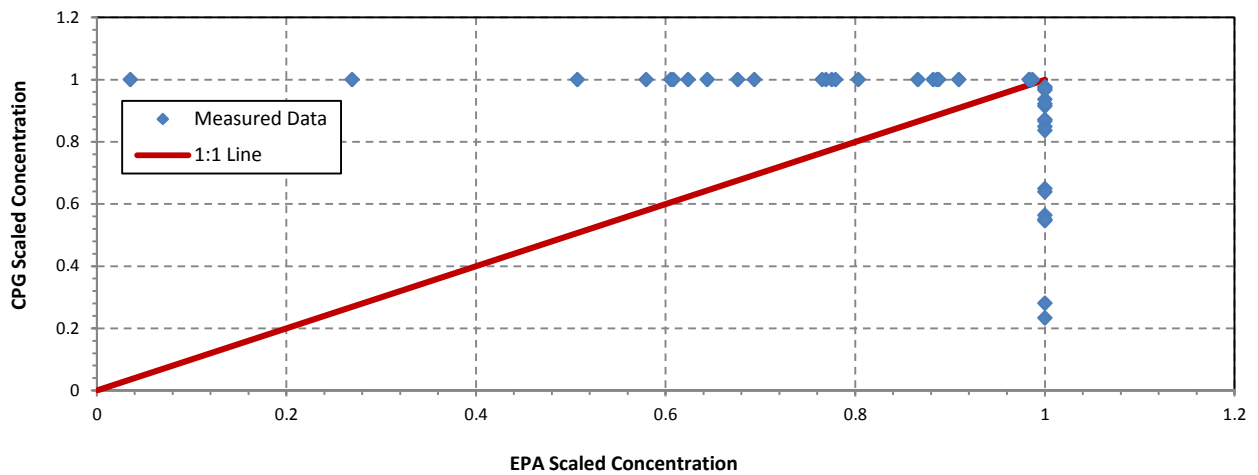


Figure 53c: Line Plot of Metals (excluding mercury) Percent Differences when EPA and CPG both had Detected Concentrations

